D-FRAG!
STORY AND ART
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D-FRAGMENTS

Tomoya Haruno Presents

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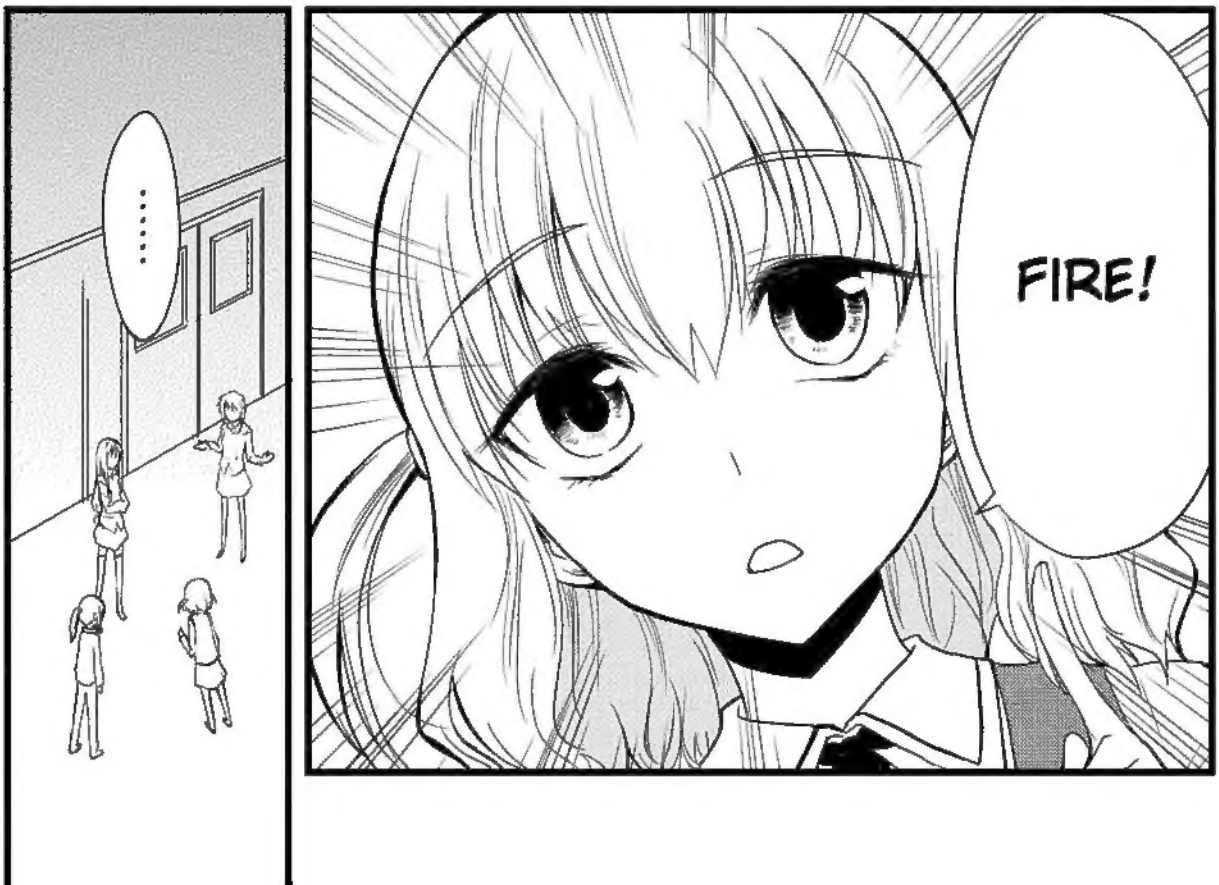
I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD USE LIGHTNING...
HUH?
HELL NO! IT SHOULD BE EARTH.
HOW ABOUT WE GO WITH WATER, THEN?


FIRE!
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Chapter 1
It's the Kazama Gang!

SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER.
KEN-CHAN, I'M BORED! ISN'T THERE ANYTHING FUN TO DO AROUND HERE?
DUNNN
!!
THAT'S WHAT I WANNA KNOW.
WH-WHO'RE THOSE GUYS?
GULP
WHAT, YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM?
WHAT, YOU DO?!
THEY ARE FUJOU HIGH'S INFAMOUS BAND OF TERRIFYING DELIN-QUENTS...
THE KAZA-MA GANG!!
Dun-DAAAN

FIRST, TO THE RIGHT, THE SHORT AND STOUT ONE IS "LITTLEFOOT" YOKOSHIMA!!
HE'S SO GUTSY HE WEARS HORIZONTAL STRIPES DESPITE BEING OVER-WEIGHT! HE JUST DOESN'T GIVE A CRAP!
TO THE LEFT IS LANKY "LONG MOUNT-AIN" NAGA-YAMA!!
WAIT, HOLD UP! HIS NICK-NAME IS JUST HIS LAST NAME IN ENGLISH!
AND IN THE CENTER IS THEIR LEADER ...
UHH ...
UMM... THEIR LEADER... WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN? UMM...
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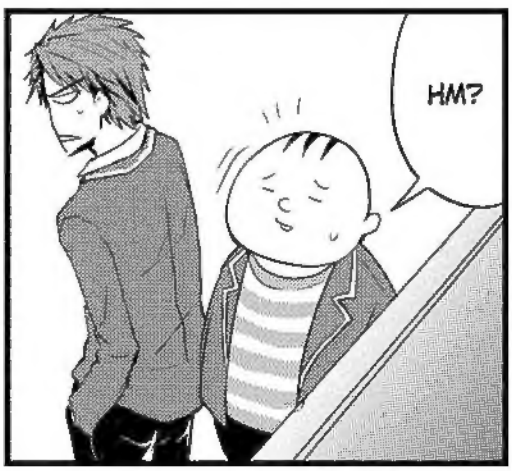
IT'S KAZAMA KENJI, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!!
GAWD, DIDN'T YOU JUST CALL US THE "KAZAMA GANG"?!
OH CRAP! HE'S MAD!
FLEE
RUN AWAY !!


HM?

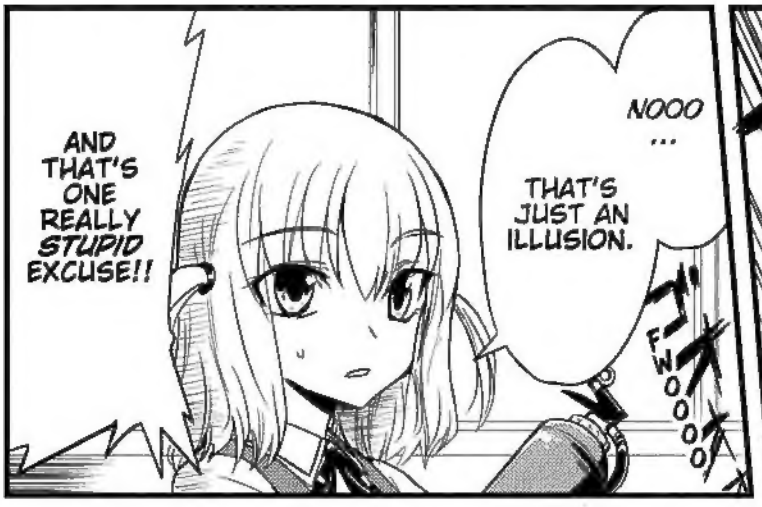
DAMMIT!
SORRY, KEN-CHAN. WE DON'T MEAN TO STAND OUT SO MUCH...
YEAH, YOU TWO STICK OUT ALL RIGHT!!

GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB
HEY, KEN-CHAN, HOW ABOUT WE CHECK THIS PLACE OUT?
THE "GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB"?
WHY DO YOU WANNA LOOK IN THERE?

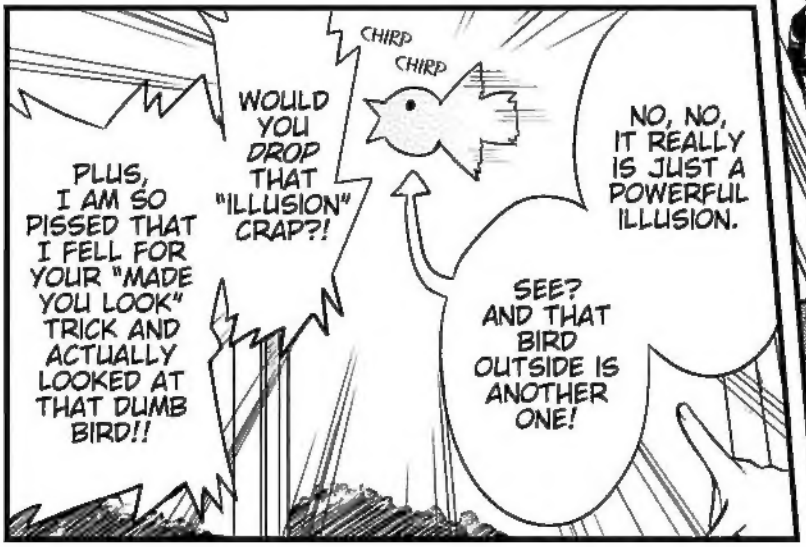
WELL, I WAS JUST THINKING, A PLACE LIKE THIS PROBABLY HAS TONS OF GAMES LYING AROUND...
HEH HEH HEH
AND MAYBE WE COULD, Y'KNOW, BORROW SOME OF THEM.
HEH. WHO'D GUESS THAT A CUTE LITTLE BUTTERBALL LIKE YOU WOULD BE SO ROTTEN...
GLEAM

WHAD-DAYA SAY, MAN? C'MON!
Let's do it!
OKAY, OKAY. IF YOU REALLY WANNA.
THIS CRIME WILL BE ONE MORE CHAPTER IN MY GROWING BADASS LEGEND!
THAT'S MY MAN!
THWAK
HEY, PEEPS!
WE'RE COMING IN!!

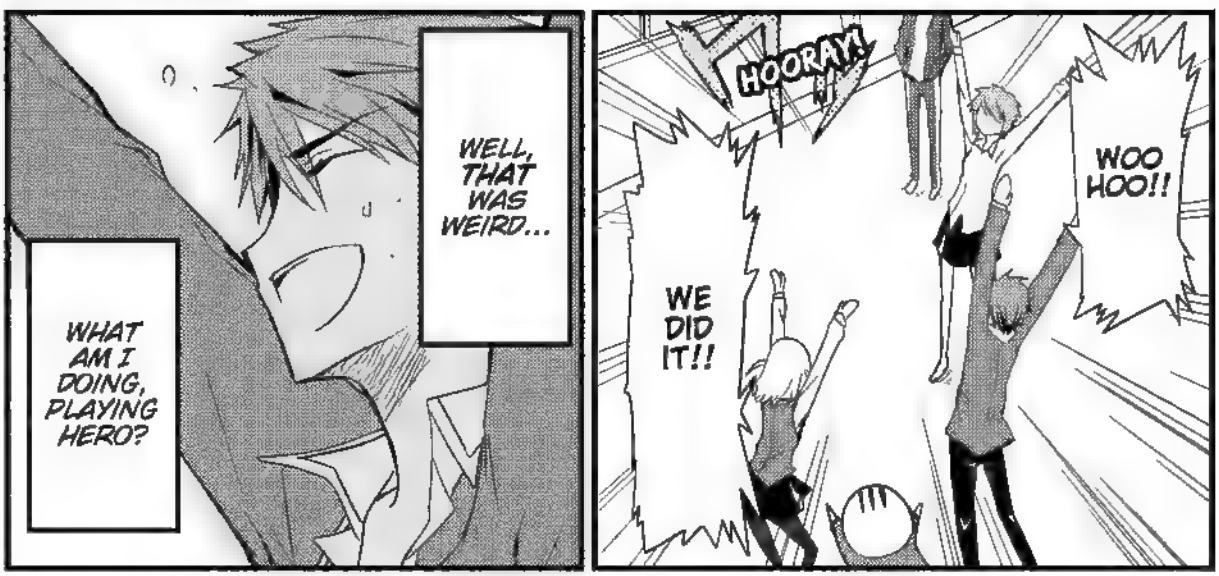
AH.
FWOOOOOOSH


AND THAT'S ONE REALLY STUPID EXCUSE!!
NOOO...
THAT'S JUST AN ILLUSION.
FWOOOO

FIIIRE!!
AAAAAHH!!


PLUS, I AM SO PISSED THAT I FELL FOR YOUR "MADE YOU LOOK" TRICK AND ACTUALLY LOOKED AT THAT DUMB BIRD!!
WOULD YOU DROP THAT "ILLUSION" CRAP?!
CHIRP
CHIRP
NO, NO, IT REALLY IS JUST A POWERFUL ILLUSION.
SEE? AND THAT BIRD OUTSIDE IS ANOTHER ONE!

AUGH! WHATEVER! FORK OVER THAT FIRE EXTIN-GUISHER!!
AH--!
MY "DISPEL ILLUSION" ITEM!
GIVE IT UP ALREA-DY!!
SERIOUSLY, I GET WANTING TO HIDE THIS SO IT DOESN'T GET PINNED ON YOU!
BUT NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT! FIX IT NOW, COVER IT UP LATER!
ALL RIGHT. I WILL THINK ABOUT IT... LATER.
OKAY!
TIME TO PUT THIS SUCKER OUT!!
PSHuuuu


WELL, THAT WAS WEIRD...
WHAT AM I DOING, PLAYING HERO?
HOORAY!
WOO HOO!!
WE DID IT!!

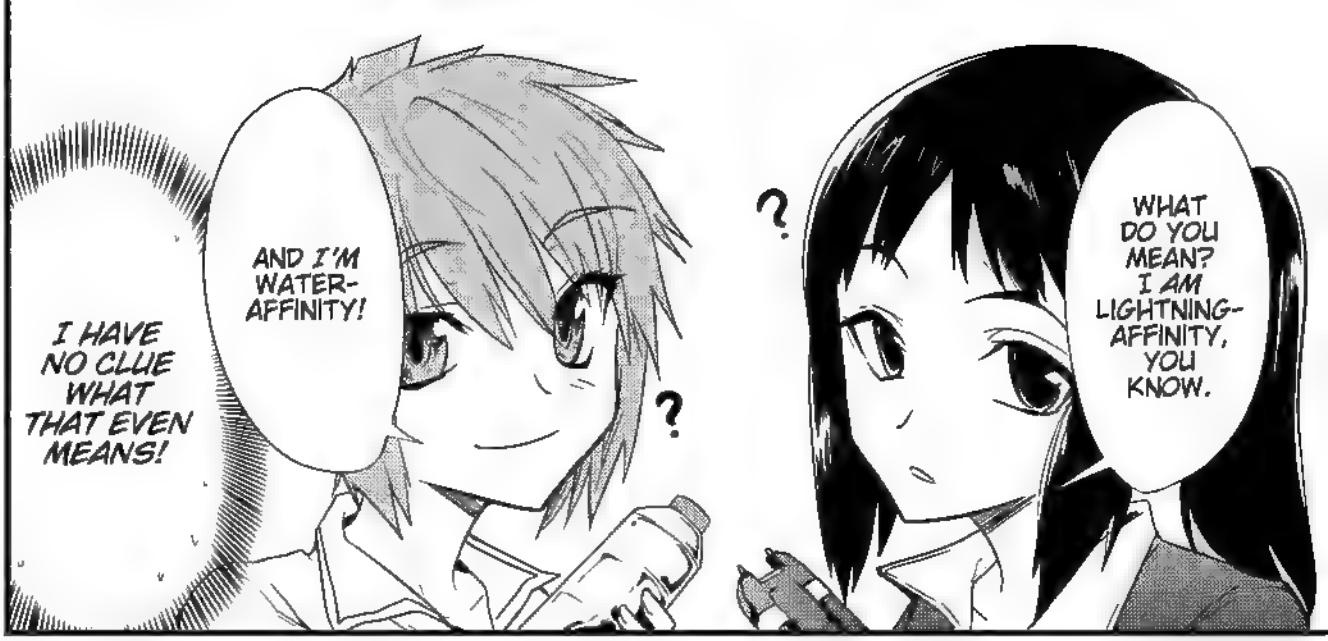
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE ISN'T SO BAD, I GUESS.
WELL, WHAT-EVER.

BWA-WAAH ?!
GYA YA YA YA HH !!
BZZZZZZZZZ
RIGHT, GREAT JOB EVERY-ONE.
BZAK
BZAK BZAK

BAAAN
AAAU UGH!! WHEN DID *THAT* HAPPEN?!

NAGA-YAMA! YOKO-SHIMA JUST GOT TASED--
YOKO-SHIMA! HEY, *YOKO-SHIMA!!*
THUD

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!


I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THAT EVEN MEANS!
AND I'M WATER-AFFINITY!
?
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I AM LIGHTNING-AFFINITY, YOU KNOW.

WHOA, WHOA! FIRST TELL ME WHAT ALL THIS AFFINITY AND ELEMENTAL CRAP IS ABOUT--
AS I AM FIRE-AFFINITY, I SHALL ERASE YOUR MEMORIES WITH MY FIRE-ELEMENTAL ATTACK!
HOLD IT, "FIRE AFFINITY"?! DID YOU START THAT FIRE?!

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.
WE SIMPLY GAVE THEM A LITTLE SHOCK TO... ENCOURAGE THEM TO FORGET WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
!!

AUGH!! DON'T YOU DARE SET ME ON FIRE!!
!!
SHFF

WHAT THE HELL?! LEMME GO!!
GRAB
GRAB-
WAH !!

I'LL HATE YOU FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER!
IF YOU DON'T FORGET EVERY-THING RIGHT NOW...
NOOOOO!!!
?!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

ALL HER ENERGY JUST WENT OUT LIKE A SNUFFED CANDLE... MAYBE SHE IS A FIRE ELEMENTAL AFTER ALL.
HANG IN THERE! MAYBE HE JUST NEEDS A STRONGER DOSE...!
WHAT?! HOLY CRAP! HER "MOE-MOE FIRE OF LOVE" ATTACK DIDN'T WORK ON HIM?!
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Sluuuuump
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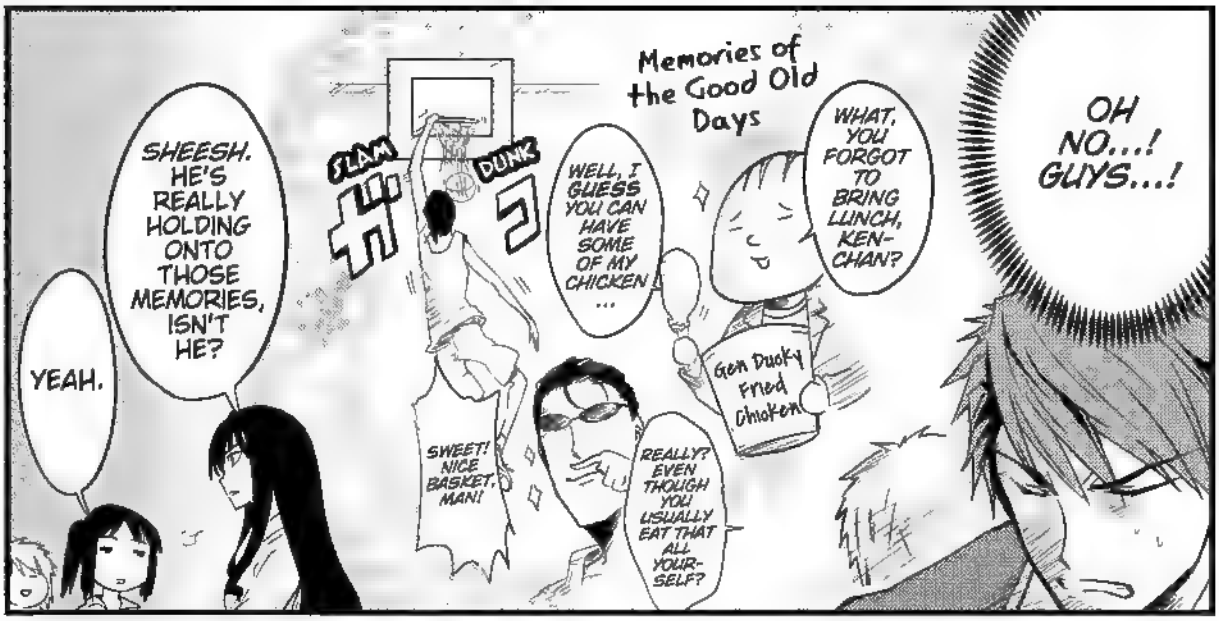
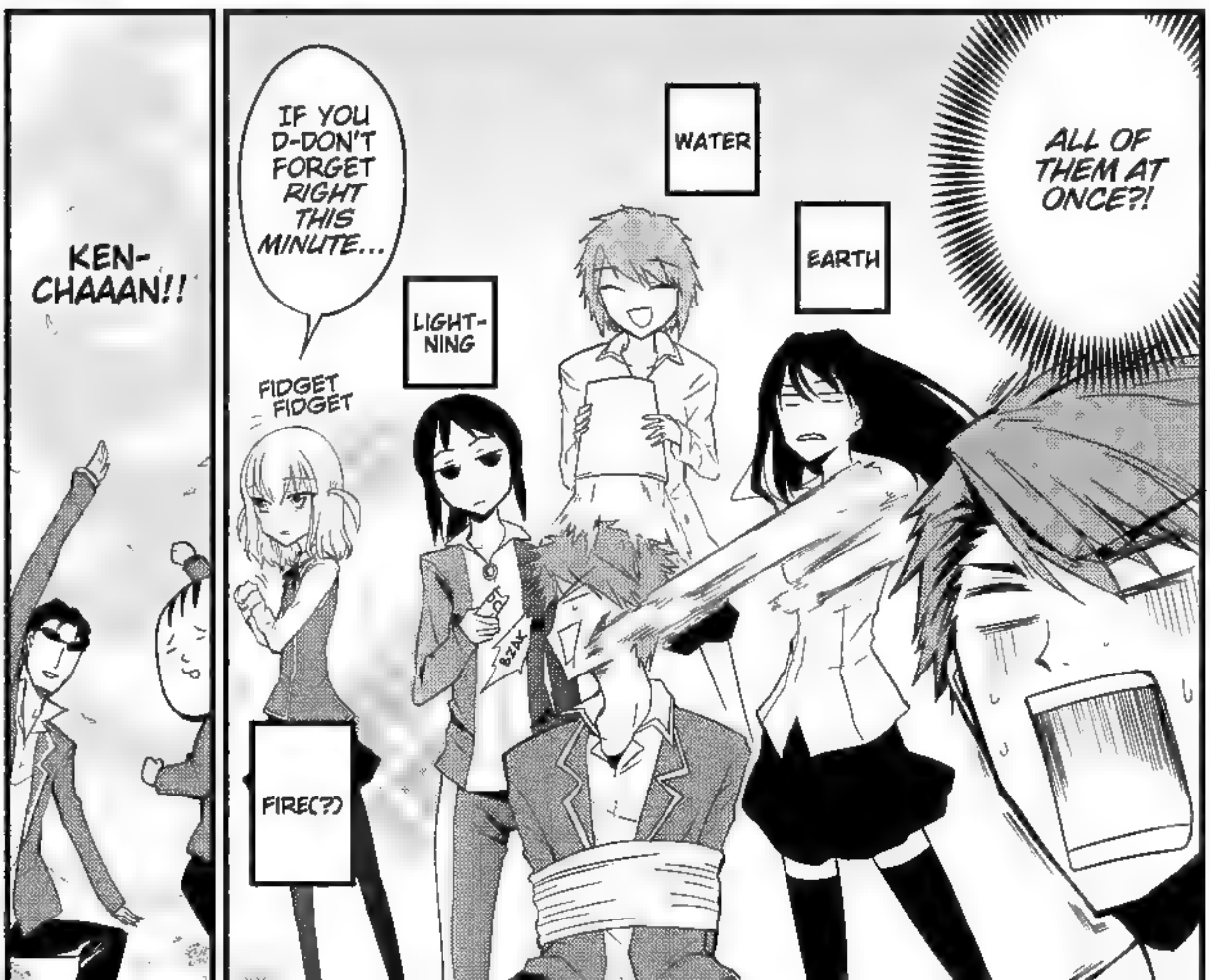
Side
BUT I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE!
SNEAK SNEAK
WHATEVER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEAL IS WITH THESE WEIRDOS ...

EARTH-ELEMENT-AL...
HUH?

Woo hoo!!
JUST A SECOND AGO, I WAS OUTSIDE BUILDING A SAND CASTLE. THAT MEANS RIGHT NOW...
MY HANDS ARE COATED IN SAND.
THEN GO WASH 'EM!!
HOLD IT! WHAT'S SO "EARTH-ELEMENTAL" ABOUT A PUNCH TO THE FACE?!
WOULDN'T THAT BE A NEUTRAL ATTACK?!
Hey!
SKCH
POW
EARTH PUNCH!!
NOW "EARTH" TOO?!
YOKO-SHIMA! NAGA-YAMA!
BESIDES, WE'VE STILL GOT THESE TWO AS HOSTAGES. SEE? ♪
YANK
Nnh...
!!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE US. THE ELEMENTS ARE EVERY-WHERE...


Memories of the Good Old Days
SLAM DUNK
OH NO...! GUYS...!
WHAT, YOU FORGOT TO BRING LUNCH, KEN-CHAN?
WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN HAVE SOME OF MY CHICKEN ...
Gen Ducky Fried Chicken
REALLY? EVEN THOUGH YOU USUALLY EAT THAT ALL YOURSELF?
SWEET! NICE BASKET, MAN!
SHEESH. HE'S REALLY HOLDING ONTO THOSE MEMORIES, ISN'T HE?
YEAH.

ALL RIGHT...
HOW ABOUT WE ALL TRY OUR ATTACKS ON HIM AT ONCE?

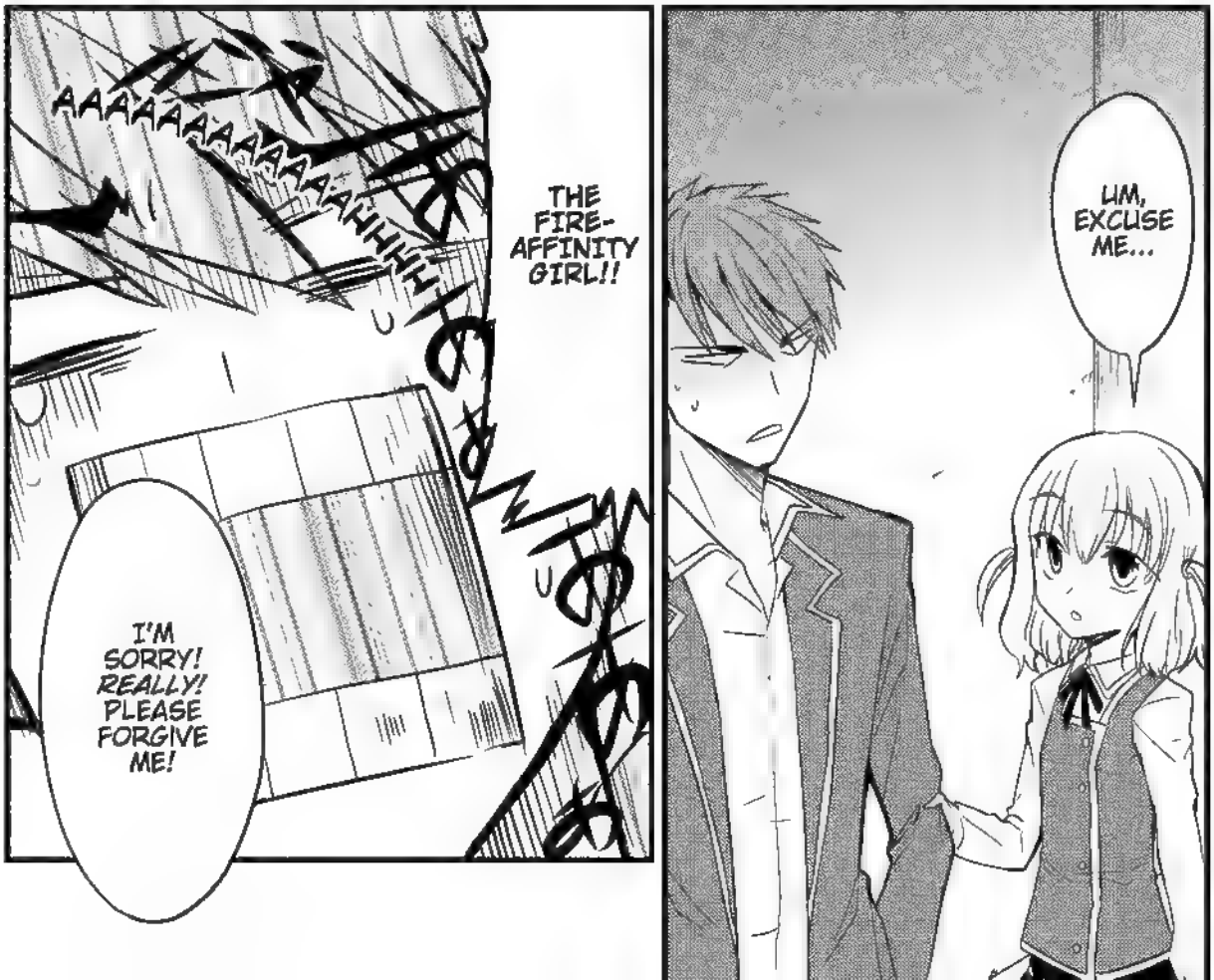

ALL OF THEM AT ONCE?!
WATER
EARTH
LIGHT-NING
IF YOU D-DON'T FORGET RIGHT THIS MINUTE...
FIDGET FIDGET
FIRE(?)
BZIK
KEN-CHAAAN!!

SORRY, GUYS! I CAN'T DO IT!!
Awww...

YOU'RE LEAVING YOUR FRIENDS BEHIND TO SAVE YOURSELF?
I DON'T WANNA, BUT I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!
WAIT, WHY AM I EXPLAINING MYSELF TO YOU PSYCHOS ?!

COME BACK HERE AND DIE LIKE A MAN!
Clop Clop Clop Clop Clop
OOPSIE... I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY THERE.
AAAUGH!!
THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME!!
N-NO! IT'S JUST AN EXPRES-SION!
BUT YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME WISH I WAS DEAD!
AND SO ON.
ZOOOOM

WHEW... I-I LOST 'EM...!
HUFF
WHEEZE
OKAY...
WHAT'S MY NEXT MOVE?
TUG
TUG
HUH?


UM, EXCUSE ME...
THE FIRE-AFFINITY GIRL!!
AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!
I'M SORRY! *REALLY!* PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

BWUH?
Bow
I DID WHAT I DID BECAUSE I WAS DESPERATE TO SEE OUR CLUB SURVIVE.
WHA?
HUH?
BUT, THINKING ABOUT IT, I WENT TOO FAR, AND FOR THAT I APOLOGIZE.
I'VE SEEN THE ERROR OF MY WAYS, AND I'LL NO LONGER PLAY WITH FIREWORKS INSIDE A BUILDING!
What'cha doin'?
SO THAT'S WHAT STARTED THE FIRE?! AND IT WAS YOU WHO DID IT!!
IT'S SUMMER'S FAULT FOR BEING SO FAR AWAY.
STUPID SUMMER.
WHOA, DON'T BLAME THIS ON THE SEASON! USE YOUR BRAIN NEXT TIME AND LIGHT FIREWORKS OUTSIDE AT NIGHT!!
NIGHT TIME WAS TOO FAR AWAY... AND OUTSIDE WAS TOO FAR AWAY...
OH C'MON! NO ONE'S THAT LAZY!

A-ANYWAY! I'M NOT GONNA STAND AROUND AND LET YOU "ERASE" MY MEMORIES JUST FOR YOUR SICK KICKS.
I'M GONNA REPORT THIS WHOLE THING TO THE PRINCIPAL.
!!
B-BUT IF YOU DO THAT, OUR CLUB WILL BE DISBANDED!
WOULDN'T THAT MAKE YOU SAD?

HUH?
WHY THE HELL WOULD I WANNA DO THAT?

HUH?
WHY WOULD I CARE?
WHAT? YOU CAME TO OUR CLUB BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO JOIN, RIGHT?

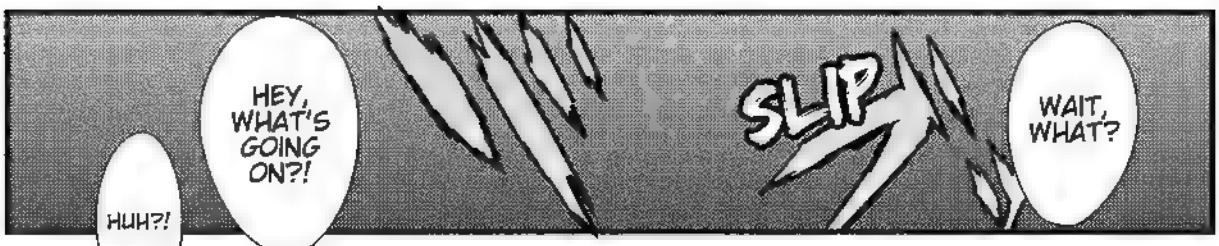
LISTEN, WE CAME TO YOUR CRAPPY LITTLE CLUBROOM BECAUSE WE WANTED TO SWIPE SOME OF YOUR GAMES.
OTHERWISE, WE'D *NEVER* GO NEAR YOUR DUMB LITTLE OTAKU NEST, GOT IT?

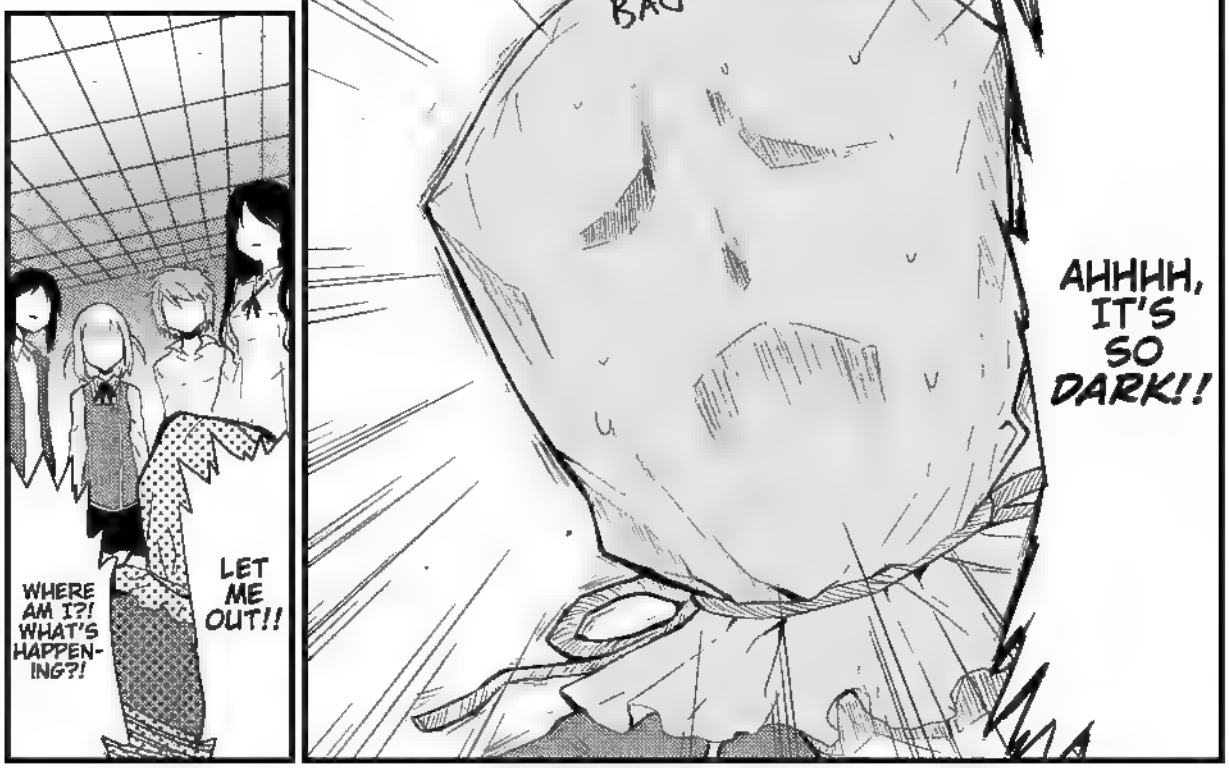
WE DIDN'T GET TO GRAB ANYTHING, BUT I *DID* PUT YOUR FIRE OUT FOR YOU. SO THAT MAKES US EVEN...
HELL, YOU SHOULD BE *THANKING* ME!

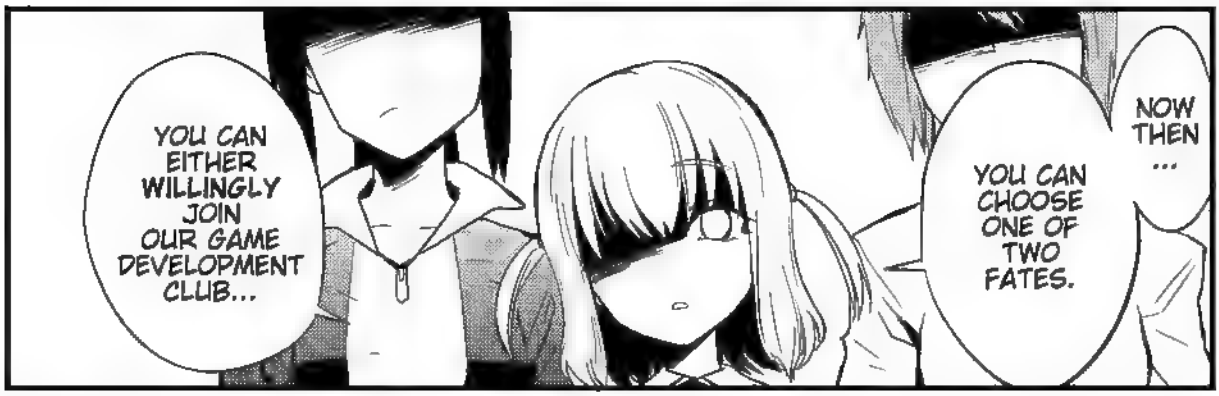
NOW I MUST HAVE YOU IN OUR CLUB.
EH?
AH, I SEE. NOW I UNDER-STAND.
GOOD! GLAD TO HEAR IT...
UH, JUST SO YOU KNOW...
YOUR "MOE-MOE" ATTACK DOESN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME.
Step
I'M NOT REALLY FIRE-AFFINITY.
I AM ACTUA-LLY ...
I KNOW. I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.

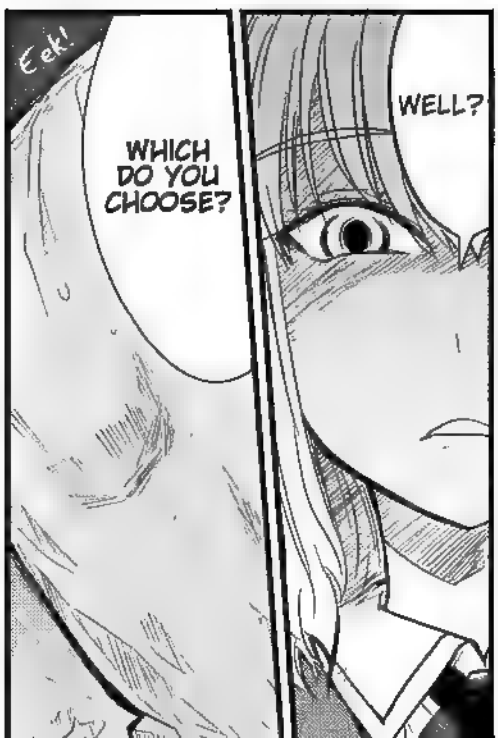
DARK-
AFFINITY.

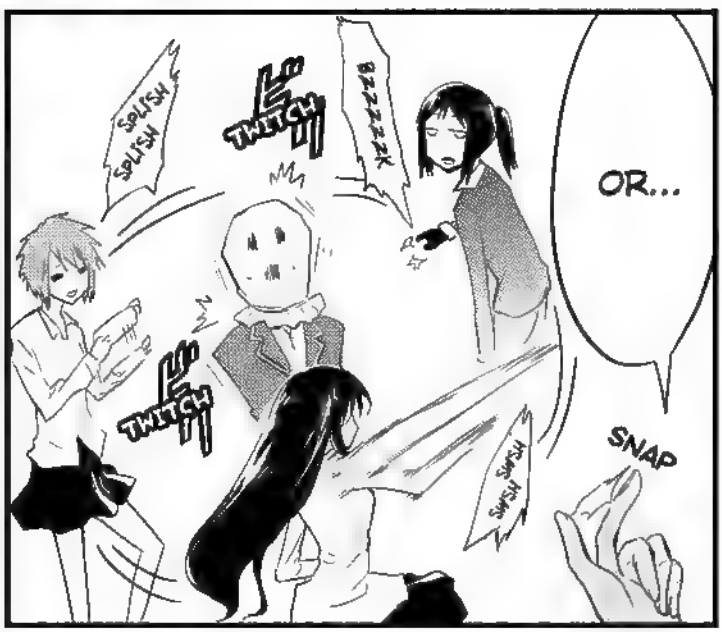
BWUH?
"DARK"
AFFINITY?!
SHWIP

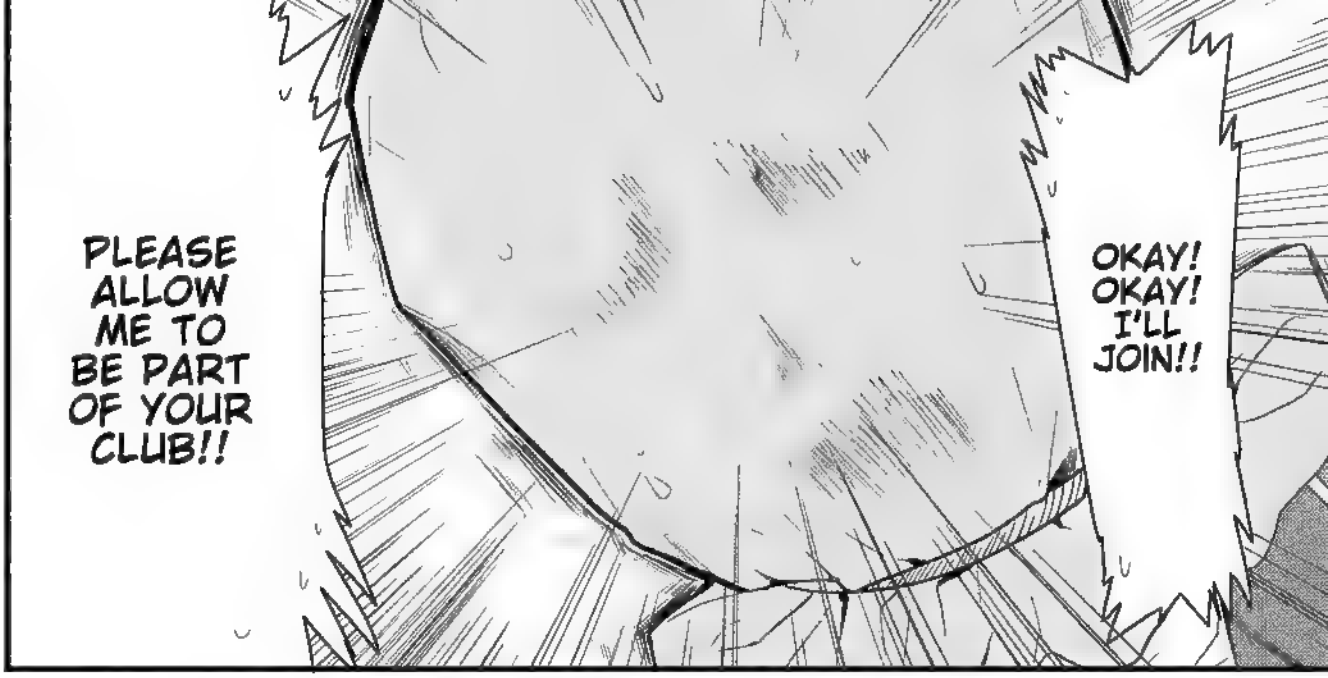

HEY,
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!
SLIP
WAIT,
WHAT?
HUH?!


BAG
AHHHH, IT'S SO DARK!!
LET ME OUT!!
WHERE AM I?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!


YOU CAN EITHER WILLINGLY JOIN OUR GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB...
NOW THEN ...
YOU CAN CHOOSE ONE OF TWO FATES.

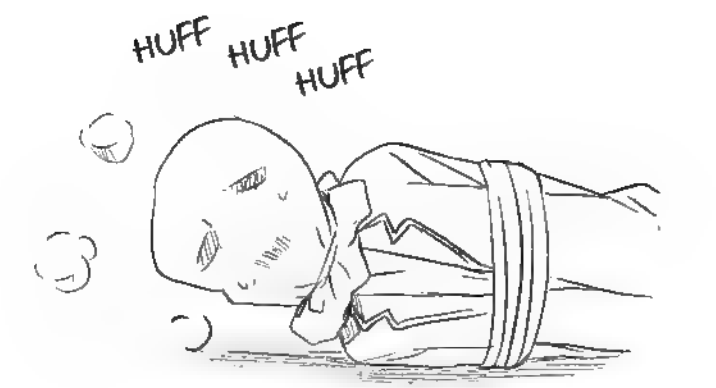

Eek!
WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?
WELL?


SQUISH SQUISH
TWITCH
BZZZZZK
OR...
TWITCH
SQUISH SQUISH
SNAP


PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BE PART OF YOUR CLUB!!
OKAY! OKAY! I'LL JOIN!!

WE WELCOME YOU, NEW MEMBER.

WHEN DID WE COME OUT HERE?
NNH... HUH? WE'RE OUT-SIDE?
YEAH, WELL, YOUR HAIR'S ALL FRIED!
WHOA! YOU'RE SOAKING WET, MAN!
WHOA!!
HUH? MY HAIR?
WSH
MIRROR
WHAT THE HECK?!
I LOOK SO FREAKING COOL!!
びっは——!! Woo!
BOTH HAD NO MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED.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TCH! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE WERE SO CALLOUS!

YEAH, WE JUST FORGOT! WE WERE ALL PRETTY PRE-OCCUPIED!

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE MEANT TO...

THAT WE HADN'T EVEN INTRODUCED OURSELVES.

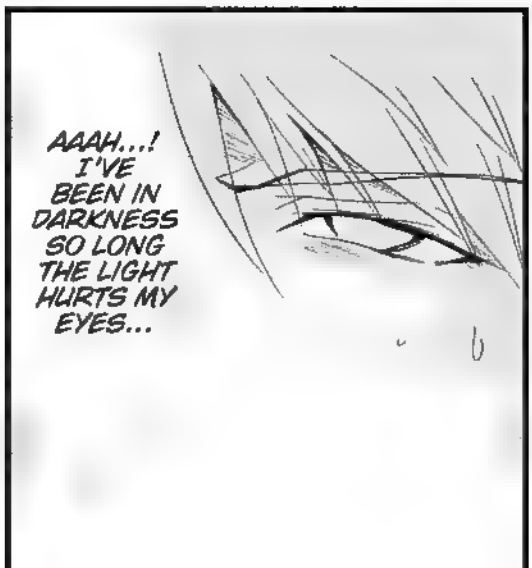
WE NEVER REAL-IZED...
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES...

Chapter 2
Pleased to meet you!
SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
YEAH, SORRY.
WE'RE REALLY SORRY!
TRULY.

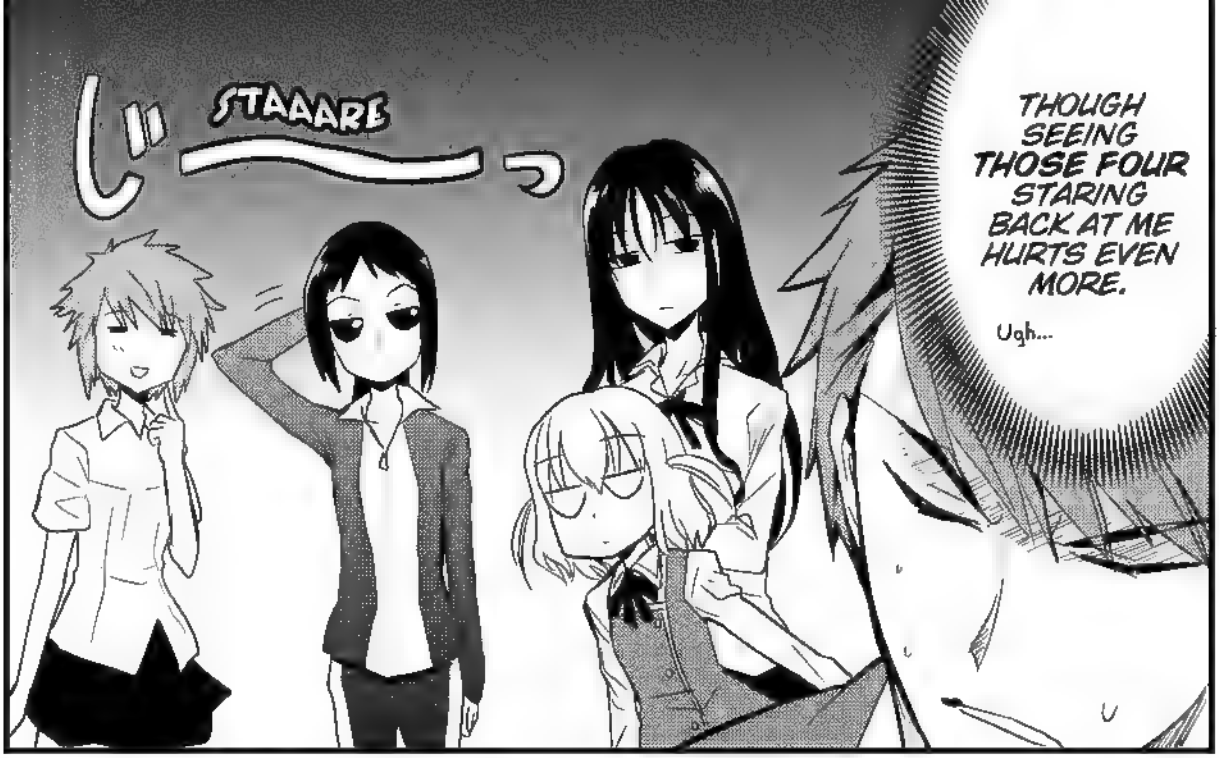
STILL TIED UP FROM LAST CHAPTER.
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT! JUST UNTIE ME AND TAKE THIS BAG OFF MY HEAD!!

GOOD, YOU'RE AWAKE.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?!
OOOF!!
HEY! ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO US?
KICK

I DO NOT!! QUIT MAKING UP STUFF ABOUT ME!!
AND TAKE THIS STUPID THING OFF MY HEAD!!
Gross!
HUH? WHY ARE YOU RUBBING YOUR FACE ON MY LEG? EWW! DO YOU HAVE A FOOT FETISH OR SOMETHING?
YOU DO REALIZE THAT EVERYONE IS STAYING LATE FOR YOUR SAKE, RIGHT?


AAAH...! I'VE BEEN IN DARKNESS SO LONG THE LIGHT HURTS MY EYES...

!!
POP
HERE.


STAAARE
THOUGH SEEING THOSE FOUR STARING BACK AT ME HURTS EVEN MORE.
Ugh...

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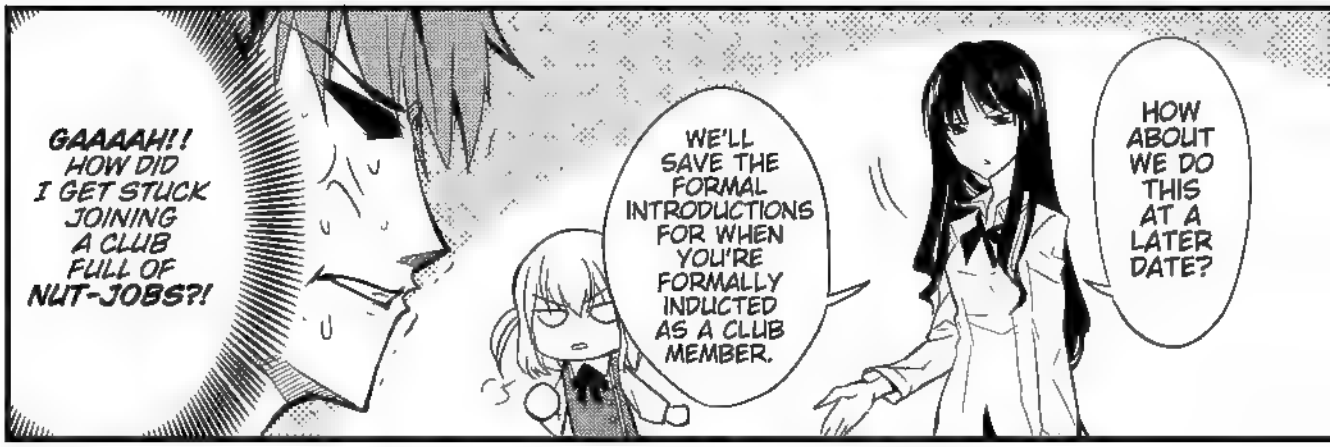
JUST GO EASY ON ME, OKAY?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S JUST A NORMAL INTRO-DUCTION.
?
NOTHING'S "NORMAL" AROUND HERE!

WE'RE GOING TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES NOW, SO LISTEN UP!

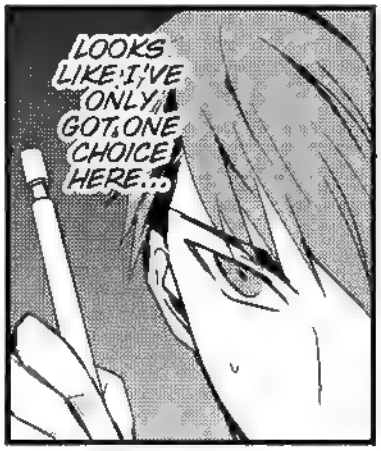
I'M KARASU-YAMA CHITOSE.
NICE TO MEET YOU, FOOT-FETISH CREEP!
WHOA, HOLD IT! QUIT TRYING TO PIN YOUR WEIRD LIES ON ME!!
OH HEY, THAT WAS NORMAL.

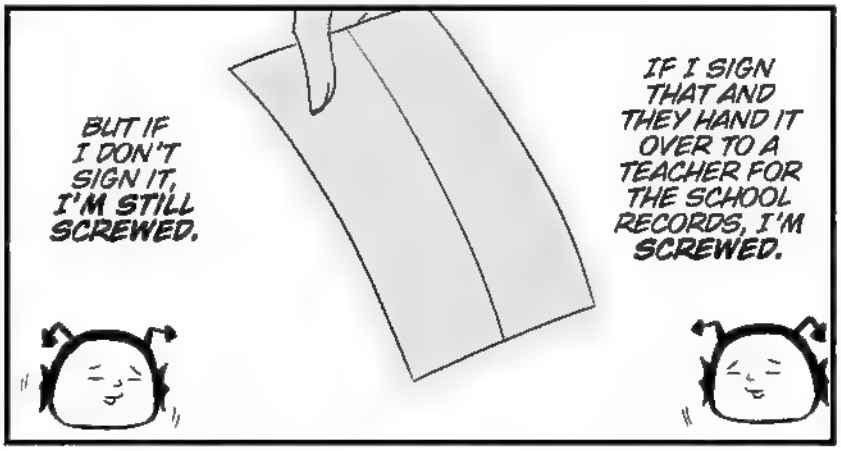
Umm...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING AT ALL!!
HOLD ON. I'M STILL THINKING OVER MY INTRO-DUCTION.
DONE. NEXT!
SHE'S JUST GONNA IGNORE ME?!
Sorry!
IT'S NOT THAT HARD!
UH, I'M STILL KINDA THINKING ABOUT IT TOO...
HUH?
YOU GO FIRST.
ME?
YOU ALREADY DID YOURS! AUGH, THIS IS GOING IN CIRCLES!!
AND I'M STILL THINKING TOO!!
WHAT THE HELL?! IT'S NOT A COMPET-ITION!!
THEN I, TOO, AM STILL THINKING!


GAAAAH!! HOW DID I GET STUCK JOINING A CLUB FULL OF NUT-JOBS?!
WE'LL SAVE THE FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS FOR WHEN YOU'RE FORMALLY INDUCTED AS A CLUB MEMBER.
HOW ABOUT WE DO THIS AT A LATER DATE?

CRAP...
SIGN YOUR NAME ON THIS FORM.

BUT... SHE'S RIGHT. I'M NOT FORMALLY A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB YET...


LOOKS LIKE I'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHOICE HERE...


BUT IF I DON'T SIGN IT, I'M STILL SCREWED.
IF I SIGN THAT AND THEY HAND IT OVER TO A TEACHER FOR THE SCHOOL RECORDS, I'M SCREWED.

THERE.
Thunk

WOW, YOU REALLY DID IT. I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU'D KEEP RESISTING.
I'M GLAD YOU'VE RESIGNED YOURSELF TO YOUR FATE.
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE

NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BEAT THEM TO THE STAFF ROOM, NAB THAT FORM FROM WHICHEVER ONE OF THEM COMES UP, AND IT'S
PERFECT! THIS GETS ME OUT OF THE CLUB ROOM!
?
THEN I WIN, SUCKERS!!
It's a tough mission, but you can do it!
Perfect!
In fact, you're perfect for it!
The Man with a Plan!

HM.
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY, DON'TCHA THINK? I GOTTA HEAD HOME.
I GUESS. YOU DID SIGN YOUR REAL NAME, AFTER ALL.

THE SHORT ONE GOT ME WITH HER DARK-BASED ATTACK, BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
?
YEAH, IT'S MUCH SMARTER TO DO IT THIS WAY THAN TRYING TO TAKE ON ALL FOUR OF THOSE LOONIES AT ONCE.

THANKS, I'LL GO PUT IT IN THE RECORDS.
HERE YA GO, SENSEI.

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HEH HEH HEH! SHOW-TIME!

W-WAIT A MINUTE... YOU'RE A TEACHER?! LIKE, A REAL TEACHER AT THIS SCHOOL?!
HUH?
YEAH. I'M OHSAWA MINAMI, HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR CLASS 2-D.
WHAT THE HELL ?!!

NICE TO MEET YOU.

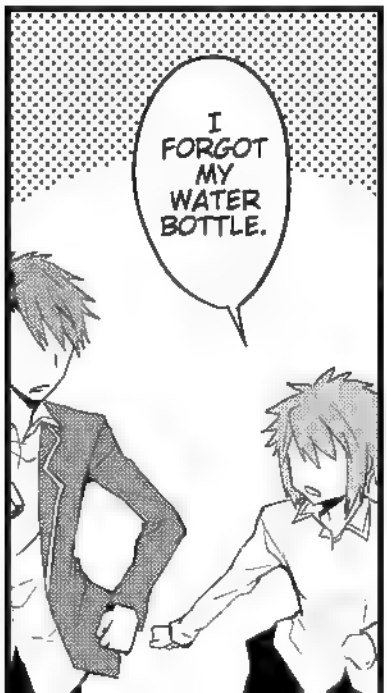
YANK
AH!
STOMP
STOMP

HYAAAHHH!!
Good luck, young man!
DÉJÀ VU?!
GET BACK HERE!!
DASH
HEY!!
DON'T MAKE TOO MUCH OF A RUCKUS, 'KAY?
What a pain...
ZOOM
!!
So fast!
DAMMIT!!
I DID NOT SEE THAT COMING!
Seriously, she's a teacher?!
HEE HEE! YOU CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD THAT FIRST TIME...
BUT NOT THIS TIME!
YOU SEE...

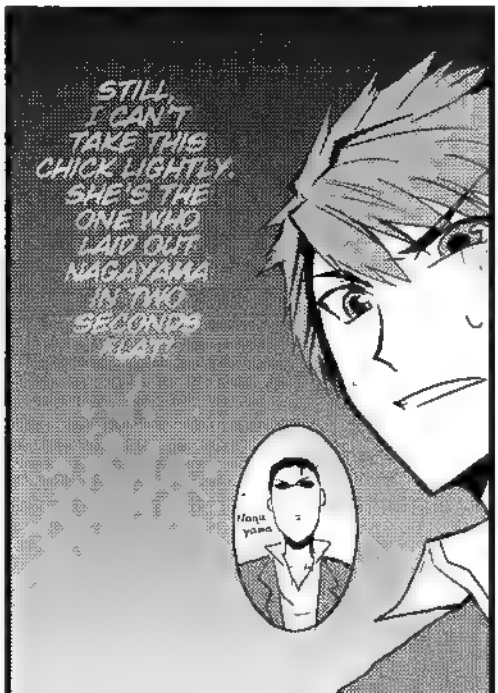
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE!
You disappeared about four pages ago...
I WAS WAITING OUTSIDE THE ROOM IN SET POSITION THE WHOLE TIME.

NICE TO MEET'CHA! ♪
OH, RIGHT! I STILL HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF! I'M MIZUKAMI SAKURA.
SPARKLE
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT CRAP!!
NOTE: STILL RUNNING.

HEE HEE! OUT OF ALL OF US, I'M THE ONE WHO UNDER-STANDS YOU BEST. REALLY!
SOME-HOW, I DOUBT THAT. REALLY.


I FORGOT MY WATER BOTTLE.

JOLT
AAAH !!
WH-WHAT ?!


STILL, I CAN'T TAKE THIS CHICK LIGHTLY. SHE'S THE ONE WHO KNOCKED OUT NAGAYAMA IN TWO SECONDS FLAT.
Nagayama

STILL, THIS IS MY CHANCE!
I'M OUTTA HERE!!
CAN'T SHE DO ANYTHING WITHOUT SOME WATER?
And what is it with all the "elemental" and "affinity" crap?
YOU WAIT RIGHT HERE WHILE I GO BACK AND GET IT, OKAY?!
ZOOM
What...?

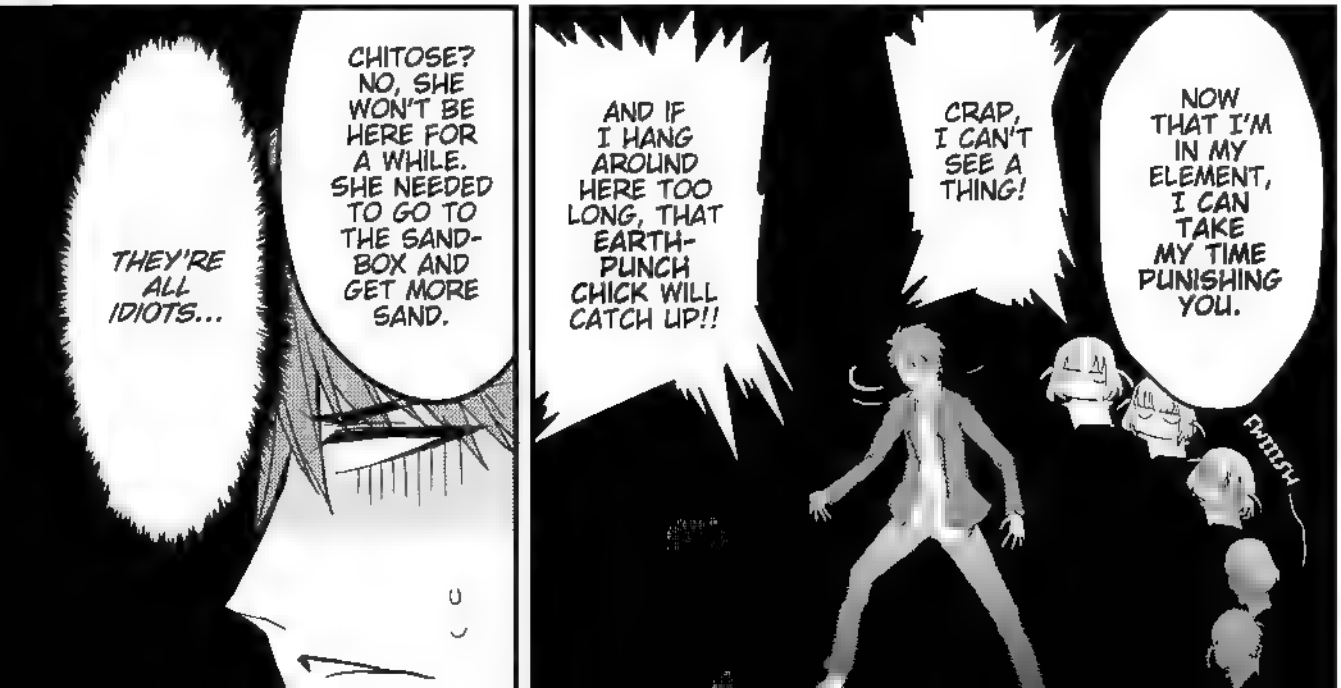
TAP

YOU AGAIN.
YOU WON'T GET ME SO EASILY THIS TIME.

UM... W-WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE THAT FORM BACK?
PRETTY, PRETTY PLEASE?
.....
NO WAY.
!!
STAGGER
STOMP

I WITH-STOOD YOUR COLD ATTACK!!
HYAH!!
I'm like a phoenix!
DAMMIT! SHE DIDN'T GO DOWN!!

AGAIN WITH THE "DARK-NESS" ...!
Sheesh, she recovered fast!
AND IT'S A LARGE-SCALE ATTACK, TOO!
Black curtains!
FWOF
SNAP


THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS...
CHITOSE? NO, SHE WON'T BE HERE FOR A WHILE. SHE NEEDED TO GO TO THE SAND-BOX AND GET MORE SAND.
AND IF I HANG AROUND HERE TOO LONG, THAT EARTH-PUNCH CHICK WILL CATCH UP!!
CRAP, I CAN'T SEE A THING!
NOW THAT I'M IN MY ELEMENT, I CAN TAKE MY TIME PUNISHING YOU.
FWOOSH

MWAH HA HA HA!!
I COULD JUST LEAVE YOUR STUPID LITTLE TENT!!
AH--!
SO, IN OTHER WORDS, MY ONLY OPPONENT RIGHT NOW IS YOU.
AND THAT MEANS ...
!!

BONK

OH CRAP...! IS THAT THE GROUND?!
DID I GO OUT THE WRONG WAY?
HUH?

NICE SAVE!
NOW PULL ME UP!!
UH... OR JUST DON'T LET GO! YOU'RE DOING GREAT!!
GAHH!
SLMR
SLMR
SLMR
GRAB
OOF!
CLUNK

WHAT, ARE YOU STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT STUPID "AFFINITY" STUFF EVEN NOW?
WOULD YOU GIVE IT UP?!
I'M NOT!
WE FINALLY HAVE A NEW CLUB MEMBER.
I'LL NEVER LET GO... EVER!
LISTEN, I'LL PROBABLY ONLY BREAK A LEG OR SOME-THING, SO JUST LEMME GO AND--
DAMMIT... AT THIS RATE, BOTH OF US ARE GONNA FALL...!
NEVER!

THIS IS ME...
THE REAL ME!
LIH-OH. UMMM... I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD ON ANYMORE ...
SLUMP
WHAT?! RIGHT AFTER THAT COOL SPEECH, YOU GIVE UP?!
THIS DOES PUT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON MY ABDOMEN, YOU KNOW. IT MAY EVEN DAMAGE MY WOMB, TO THE POINT WHERE I'LL NEVER HAVE CHILDREN. THERE GOES MY DREAM OF BUILDING THE PERFECT FAMILY WITH PRECISELY TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER...
SHUDDER
OKAY! OKAY! I'M SORRY!! JUST LET GO ALREADY !!
SHUDDER
Yank
Grab

GOOD JOB, GUYS.
.....
HEH, 'BOUT TIME!

THUMP

AAAH! GOD...I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE.

HUH?
.....

O-OH...
HM?
IT'S THE CLUB SIGN-UP FORM.
!!!
HERE.
SHFF
I'M SHIBASAKI ROKA.
YEAH... SAME HERE.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

KAZAMA

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--AND THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE REPORT.
I SEE.
GOOD WORK.

SO KAZAMA KENJI HAS FALLEN INTO THE CLUTCHES OF THE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB.
.....

THIS TIME, I WILL BURY YOU FOR GOOD!
HANG IN THERE, KENJI! I'LL SAVE YOU, I SWEAR!

THOSE FIENDS! I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS, KARASU-YAMA CHITOSE!

I KAWAHARA ATARU, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO STAND!!
HAHAHA
MENTAL IMAGE
H-HEY! VEEP, ST-STOP! DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID...!!
Chapter 3
One Minute is All I Need

RIGHT, SO I GOT SWEPT UP IN THE MOMENT AND ACTUALLY JOINED THIS CLUB.
NOW WHAT THE HELL DO I DO?!

UH, DUDE? WHAT'CHA TALKING ABOUT?
THESE TWO DON'T REMEMBER A THING! I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY SERIOUSLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
Oh, right...
UP
IF SOMETHING'S EATING AT YOU, TALK TO US ABOUT IT!
MAYBE THEY'RE BETTER OFF BLISSFULLY IGNORANT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO? SHOULD I TELL THEM EVERYTHING AND ASK FOR ADVICE? BUT, IF I DO, WILL THEY GET DRAGGED IN TOO?
REALLY?
IT'S NOTHING, GUYS.
MAN, I'M SUCH AN AWESOME FRIEND!
GLEAM
You can't place your friends in danger!
Mwa ha ha... Spill it! Tell 'em everything!

WHAM
ARE YOU OKAY?!
THMP THMP
THMP THMP THMP
KEN-JIIII!!
HUH?

BUT THAT MUST MEAN...
HNN... SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT. I DON'T SEE ANY OBVIOUS SIGNS OF INJURY...
GAH!

THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, DID THEY?!
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HURT, HAVE YOU?!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

He didn't even flinch?
SO, WHAT'CHA HERE FOR, VICE PRESIDENT?
HMPH.

I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. ALSO, COME ANY CLOSER, AND I'LL KILL YOU.
Here, let me see..
THEY ONLY HURT YOU WHERE THEY KNEW YOUR CLOTHES WOULD COVER IT!

Whoo! C'mon, follow me!
Wait for us!
AFTER ALL, WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
I DEMAND YOU CALL ME AH-CHAN!!
DON'T YOU DARE REFER TO ME BY THAT BORING FORMAL TITLE.
BUT NOW THAT WE'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL...
SOMEHOW THE THREE OF YOU HAVE BECOME NO-GOOD PUNKS!
YOU TRAIT-ORS!!
YEAH, WELL YOU'RE A JERK!
WHAT ABOUT US?
Hunh.
YOU TWO? WELL.. I PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
JUST TELL US WHAT YOU WANT, VEEP!
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU MOST OF ALL, KENJI...
Tch!
OH, SHOVE IT.

HAVE YOU REALLY JOINED THE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB?
SKF SKF SKF
HELL NO. WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE ASLEEP BEFORE YOU START DREAMING.
!!
HUH? HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY? IS IT REALLY THAT FAMOUS?
OR, WAIT... AM I REALLY THAT FAMOUS ?!
AH, YES. THAT.
KENJI, I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS ...
THE CLUB ITSELF? NO. THE TROUBLE IS KARASUYAMA CHITOSE.
HRRMMM...
HUH?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT EARTH-PUNCH CHICK?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
HMPH! SO WHAT? IS THAT CLUB TROUBLE OR SOMETHING?
WHAT?! SHE IS?! FOR REAL?!!
SHE'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

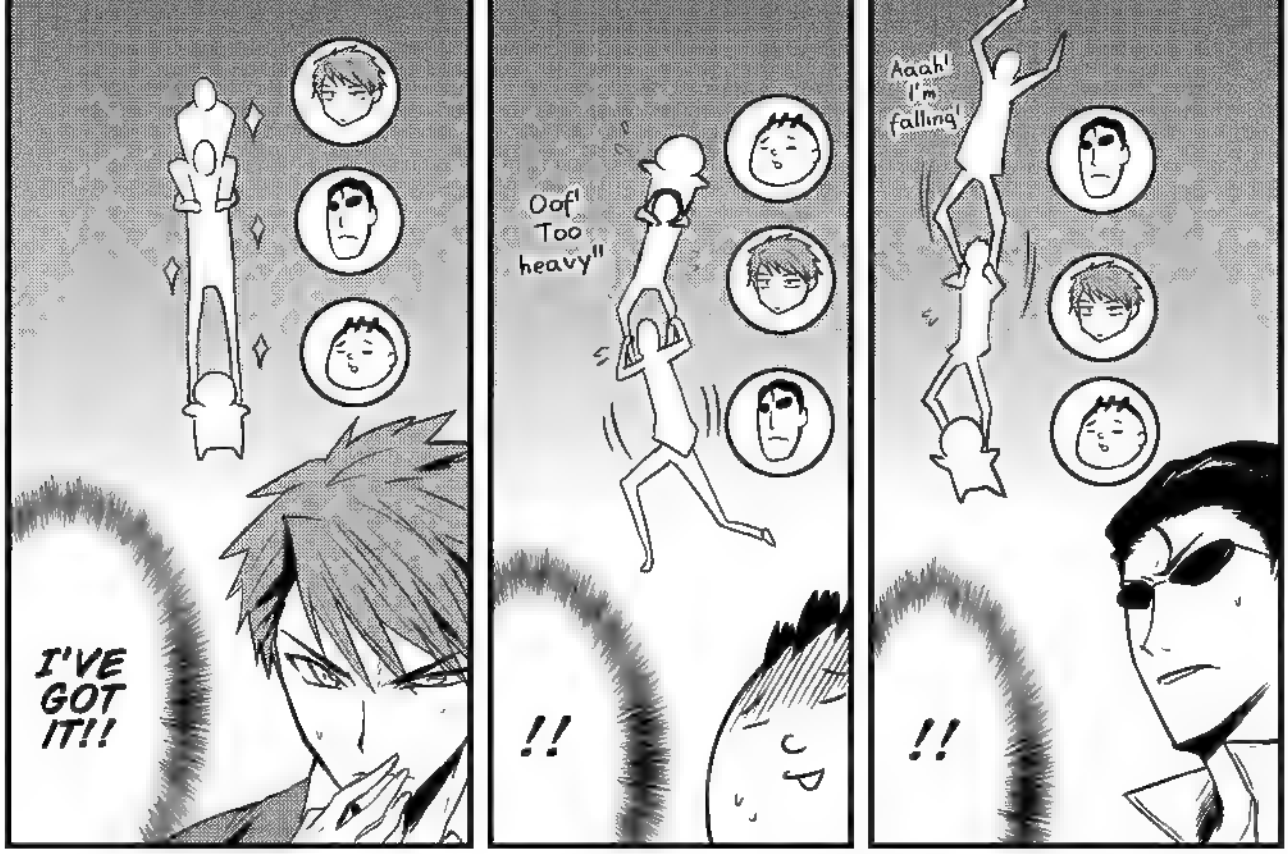
FEARING HER POWER, EVEN DELINQUENTS OUTSIDE OF FUJOU HIGH--GANGS SUCH AS THE FUJOU FIVE KINGS, THE TWO BROTHERS, AND THE DEMON BAND OF 14--MAKE THEMSELVES SCARCE WHEN SHE COMES NEAR. AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, MY ETERNAL NEMESIS AND RIVAL IS HER!!
KARASUYAMA CHITOSE, 15TH STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF FUJOU HIGH. WITH A MIX OF CHARISMA AND BRUTE FORCE, SHE RULES, NOT ONLY THE STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL, BUT ITS STAFF AS WELL. SHE IS AN IRON-FISTED TYRANT.
AND THE "BAND OF 14"? THEY SOUND LIKE AN OLD MUSIC GROUP!
THE FIVE WHAT?!

HEY, GUYS, LEMME TALK, TOO!
Me, too!
YES! YOU AND YOUR SORRY 'GANG' ARE JUST SMALL POTATOES!!
HEY! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!
YOU'RE JUST A TRIO OF FRESH-FACED, NAIVE COUNTRY BUMPKINS NEW TO THE BIG CITY!!
WAIT... THERE ARE GANGS MORE FAMOUS THAN US?!

AND ME!!
AAAA-UUU-GGH!!
IT'S HER!!

YOU DO REALIZE YOU'RE RIGHT UNDER THE GIRLS' CHANGING ROOM, RIGHT?
MADAM PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU PLEASE CLOSE THE WINDOW?!
HEY! WERE YOU EAVES-DROPPING ON US?! THAT'S LOW, MAN! LOW!
HA! HARDLY. I WAS JUST STANDING HERE WHEN I OVERHEARD YOU TWO NUMBSKULLS SHOUTING.
YEAH RIGHT!

N-NO, MADAM PRESIDENT! WE'RE NOT PEEPING TOMS, I SWEAR!
A PEEPING TOM, DICK, AND HARRY, EH?
WHOA, WHOA! DON'T GO BEING ALL POLITE TO HER! THAT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE WE'RE THE BAD GUYS!
UHHH...
AND BESIDES, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'RE ON THE SECOND FLOOR!
WE COULDN'T PEEP UP THERE EVEN IF WE TRIED!
NOT WITH THAT ATTITUDE YOU WON'T!
BUT IF YOU ALL WORKED TOGETHER, YOU COULD DO IT!
WHAT? IF WE WORK TOGETH-ER...
WE COULD DO IT...?!


I'VE GOT IT!!
Oof! Too heavy"
!!
Aaah! I'm falling!
!!

!!
GOD, YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER.
AWW, POOR AH-CHAN. THE ODD MAN OUT AGAIN...

HEY! NONE OF THOSE PLANS INVOLVE ME!!
RAWR
WHAT, YOU REALLY WANT TO PEEP THAT BAD?!

I remember throwing a consolation party...
OH, RIGHT. YOU RAN FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND LOST, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S WHY YOU LOST TO ME, YOU LOSING LOSER.
RRGH!

YES, I LOST THAT ELECTION... BUT I STILL WANTED TO SERVE MY HIGH SCHOOL IN SOME WAY, SO I RAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
NOW... NOW WHENEVER ANYTHING HAPPENS, THE PRESIDENT KICKS AND STOMPS ON ME. EVEN IF *NOTHING* HAPPENS, SHE STILL STOMPS ALL OVER ME!!
Oi...
UH, THE PRESIDENT DOES THAT...? REALLY?

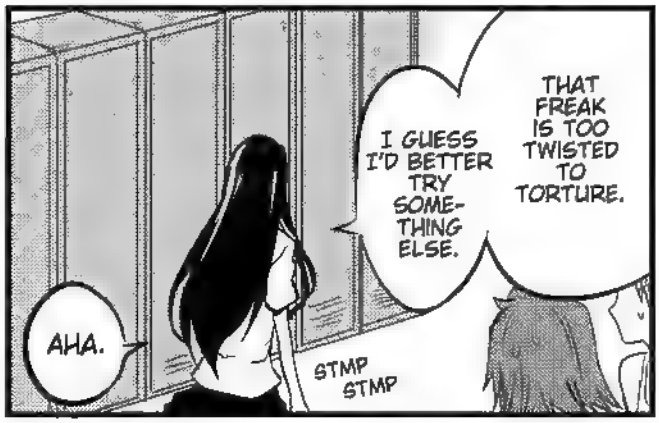
IT'S GOTTEN SO GOOD-- I MEAN, *TERRIBLE*-- THAT I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!!
DID HE SAY "GOOD"?
THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG WITH THIS BOY...

RIGHT, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU GUYS. ALL OF YOU, SCRAM.
IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL BE IN FOR A WORLD OF HURT.
YEAH RIGHT! YOU CAN'T EARTH-PUNCH US FROM UP THERE!!
TWITCH

HMPH! SAND IS TOO GOOD FOR YOU LOSERS. MY SPIT WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
DROOOOOL
GROSS !!
HOW'D SOMEONE LIKE *HER* GET ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL PRES-IDENT?!

HA!!
FINE, *GO ON!* DO IT!!

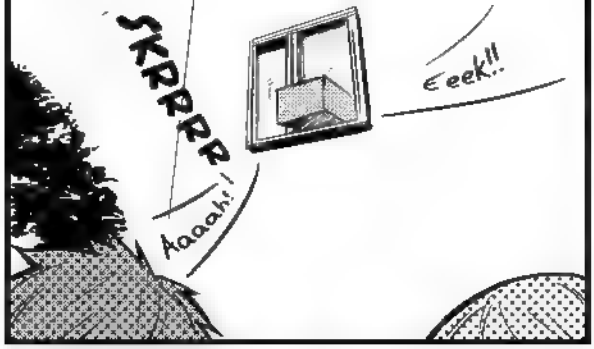
NO! THAT'S EVEN MORE DISGUSTING !!
I'LL CATCH EVERY LAST DROP!!


AHA.
I GUESS I'D BETTER TRY SOME-THING ELSE.
THAT FREAK IS TOO TWISTED TO TORTURE.
STMP STMP

NO! LET ME GO! LET ME TAKE IT!!
Raar Raaar!
JEEZ, MAN! YOU SAY THAT WE'VE CHANGED, BUT YOU'VE CHANGED MOST OF ALL!

KRUNK
THANKS.

HATSUDAI-SAN? MIND IF I BORROW YOUR LOCKER?
UMM, MY LOCKER? SURE...


SKRRRR
Aaaah!
Eeek!!

WHA?! IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT BY "BORROW"?!
BUT THEN I'LL NEVER GET IT BACK!!
At least not in the same shape...!

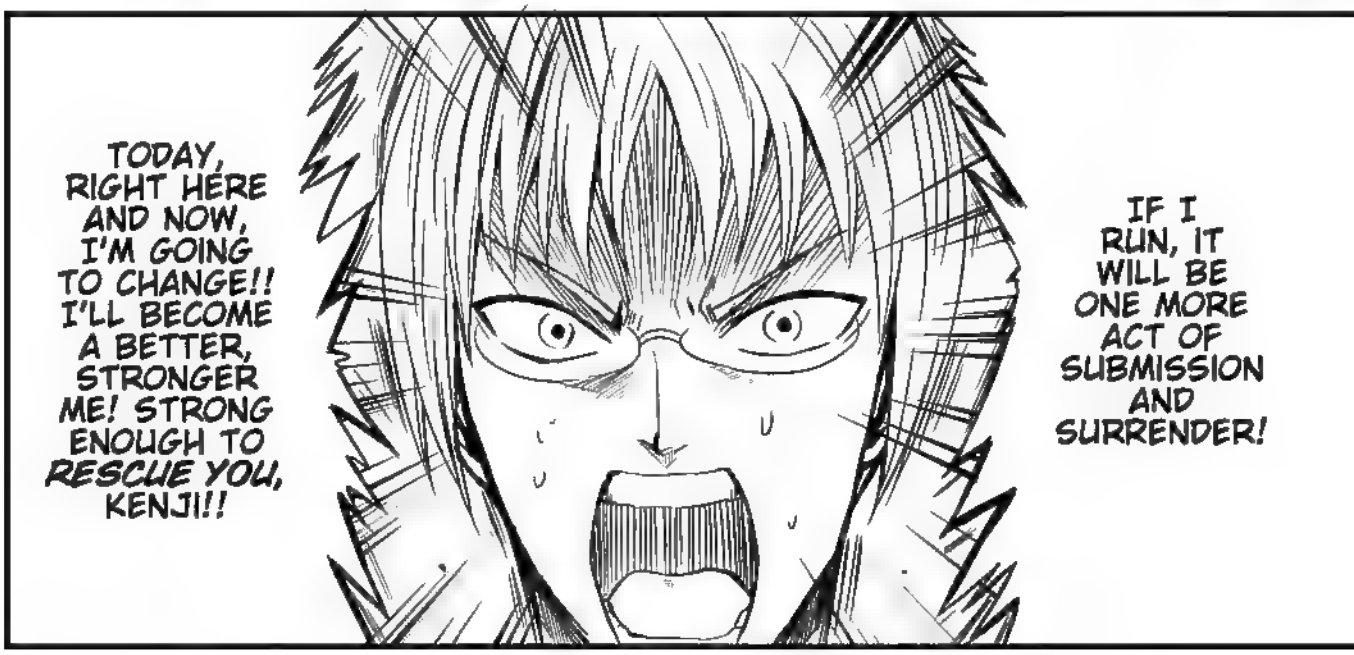
OH CRAP!!
I'd rather take the earth-punch!

UM... MADAM PRESIDENT? HE SAYS TO STOP.
MADAM PRES-IDENT...

NOOO!! STOP!!
PLEASE! HATSUDAI OR WHOEVER YOU ARE UP THERE, TELL HER TO STOP!!
Eep!
WH-WHAT?!

YES?

UMM... IT'S NOTHING. NEVER MIND.
SHE COULDN'T DO IT.
DAMMIT !!
IT DIDN'T WORK !!
THEY FIGURED AS MUCH.
OI, WHAT'RE YOU STANDING AROUND FOR?! HURRY UP AND RUN!!
I WILL NOT RUN AWAY.
WHA...?! LISTEN, IF THAT THING HITS YOU, IT'S GONNA DO A LOT MORE DAMAGE THAN THOSE STOMPINGS YOU LIKE SO MUCH!
THAT'S NOT IT!

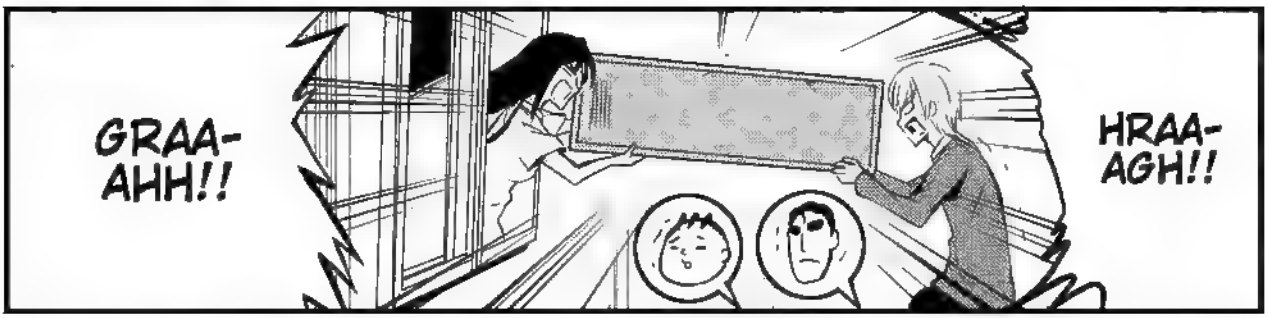

IF I RUN, IT WILL BE ONE MORE ACT OF SUBMISSION AND SURRENDER!
TODAY, RIGHT HERE AND NOW, I'M GOING TO CHANGE!! I'LL BECOME A BETTER, STRONGER ME! STRONG ENOUGH TO RESCUE YOU, KENJI!!

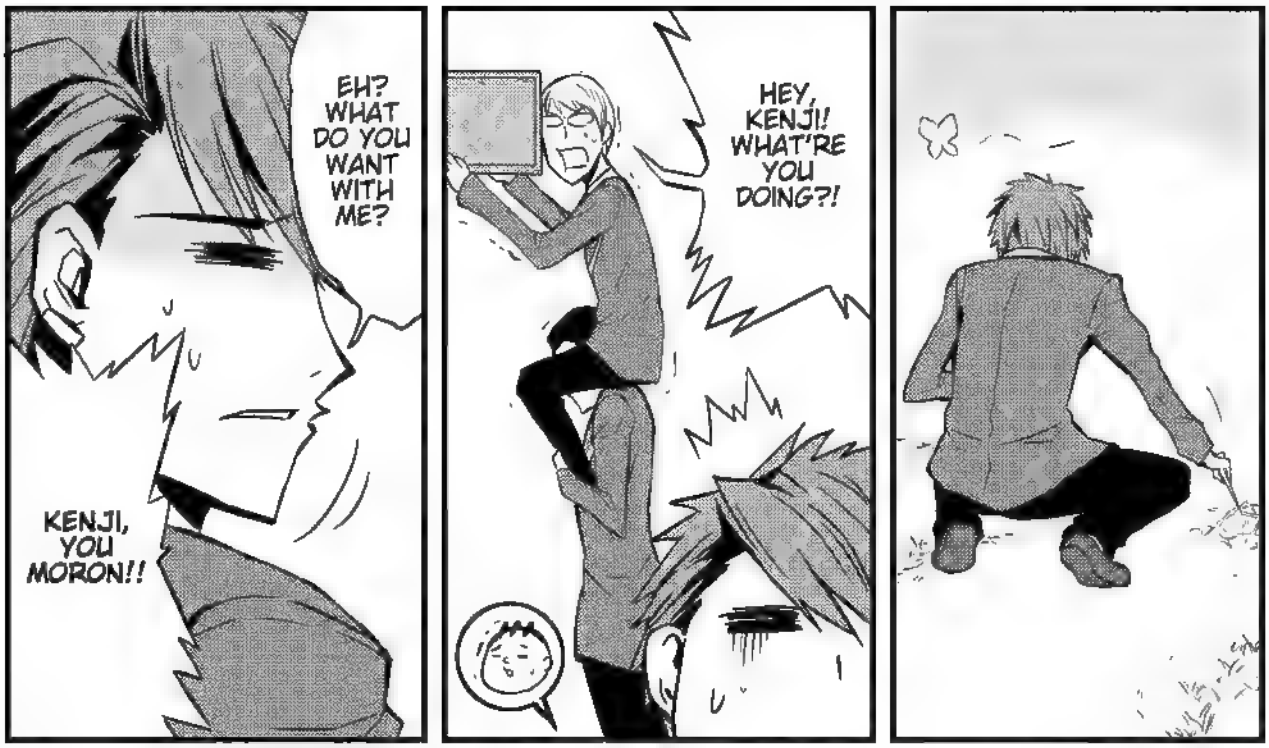
PAT

ATARU...

GUYS...
HEY, AH-CHAN...
LET US HELP.
DOOOOM
ALL RIGHT, MADAM PRESIDENT! BRING IT ON!!
LEFT OVER.
WAIT, HUH?

NO! TODAY I WILL FINALLY SURPASS YOU!!
HA! FOR A MERE VICE PRESIDENT, YOU'VE GOT SOME GUTS!
TOO BAD YOU'RE GONNA DIE!!


GRAA-AHH!!
HRAA-AGH!!


EH? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
KENJI, YOU MORON!!
HEY, KENJI! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

THIS WILL NEVER WORK WITHOUT YOU!!
PLEASE, LEND US YOUR STRENGTH SO I CAN CHANGE INTO A BETTER ME!!
SAYS THE GUY WHO STARTED WITHOUT ME!

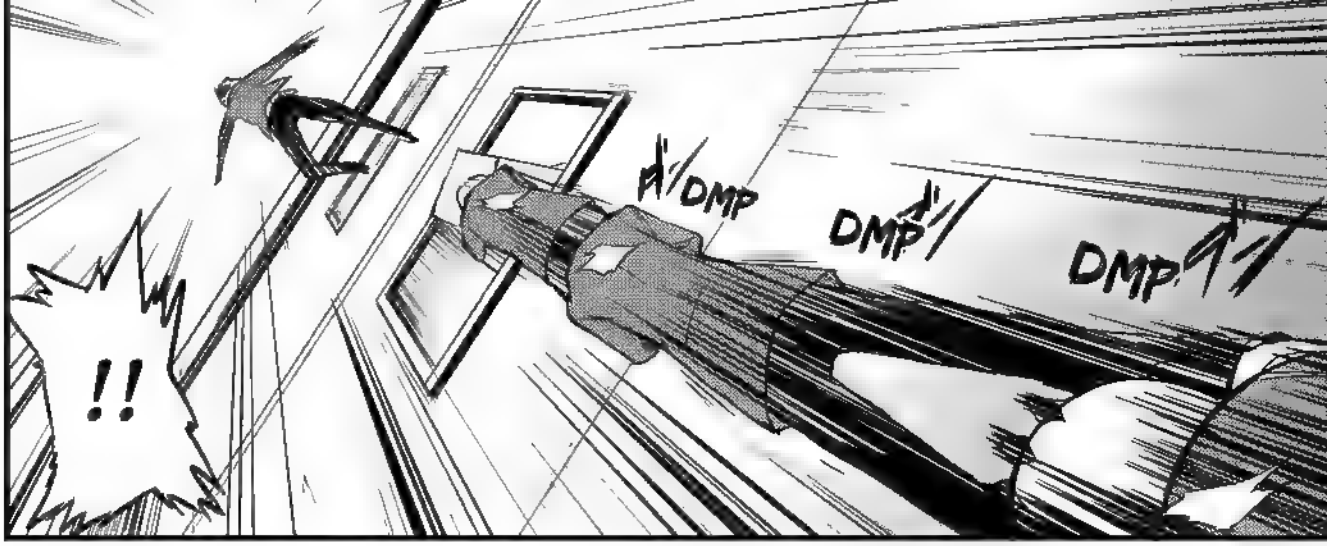
NO, MAKE THAT ONE MINUTE...
SHVR SHVR
I'M DOWN TO ONE MINUTE?!

GO! YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES!
I CAN'T HOLD OUT ANY LONGER THAN THAT!
NAGA-YAMA!!

WOOSH

SHFF
WHATEVER. ONE MINUTE...

TCH.
ONE MINUTE, EH?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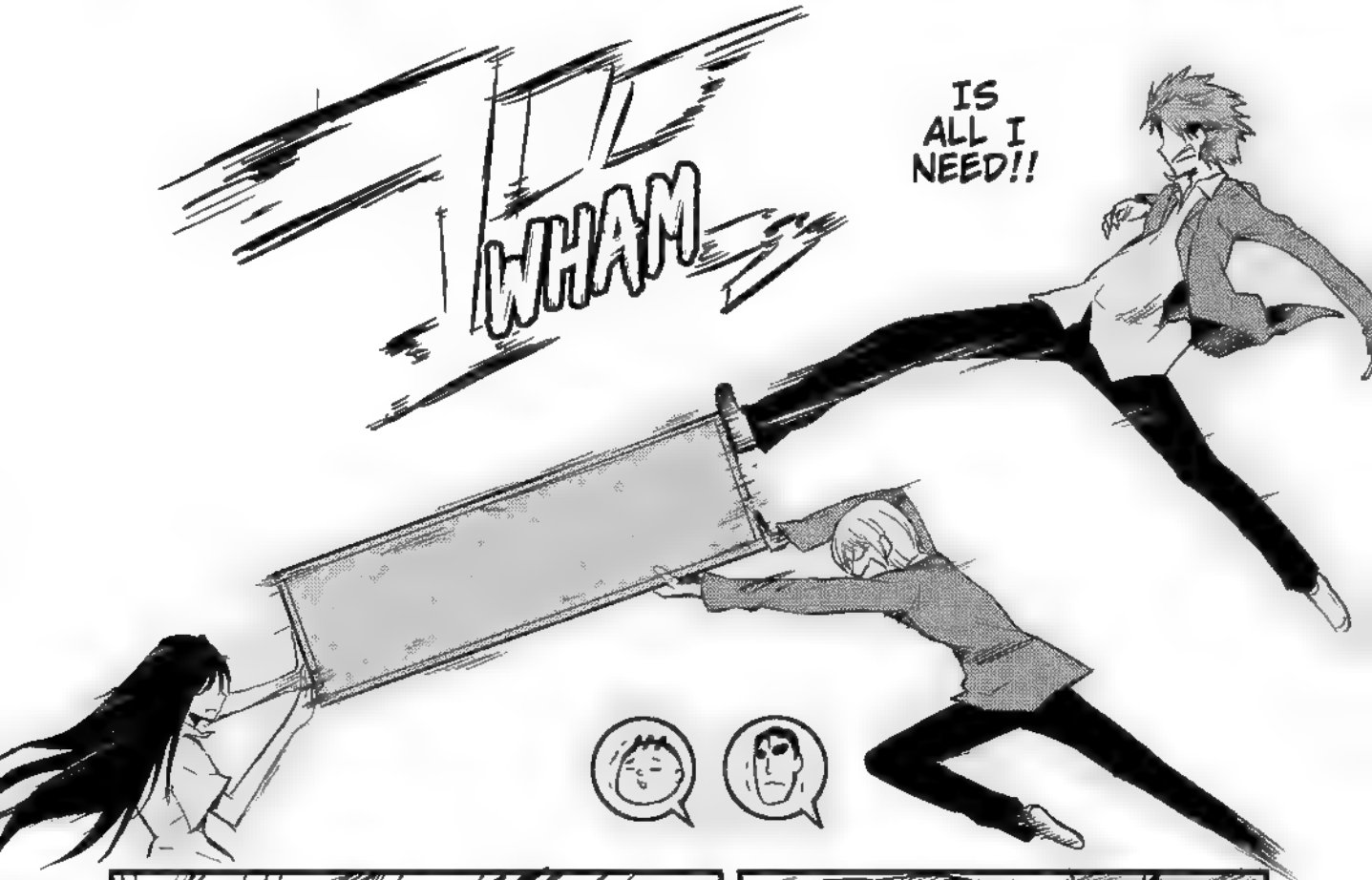
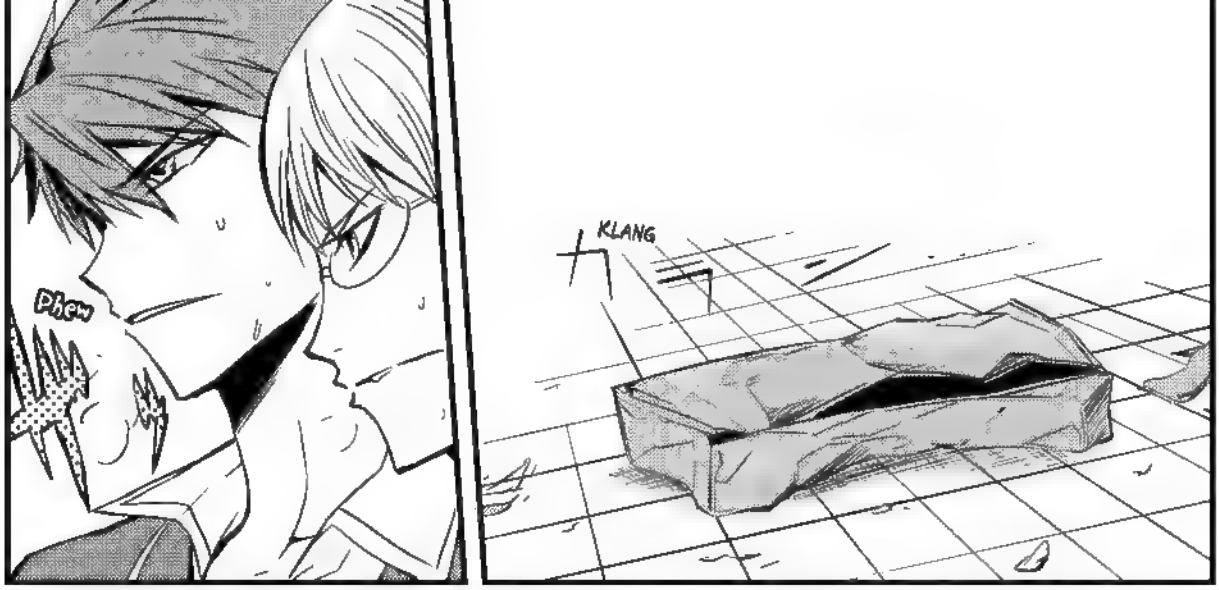
DMP
DMP
DMP


WHAM
IS ALL I NEED!!

WOOOSH
!!
GRRRRR


Phew
KLANG

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MAN. THANKS TO YOU, I WAS ABLE TO GET IN A SHOT AT HER.
HEH. I CAME HERE TODAY TO SAVE YOU, BUT IN THE END, YOU SAVED ME.

YOU MAY BE FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS AFTER ALL.
NOT BAD, YOU TWO.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
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2-B KAZAMA KENJI
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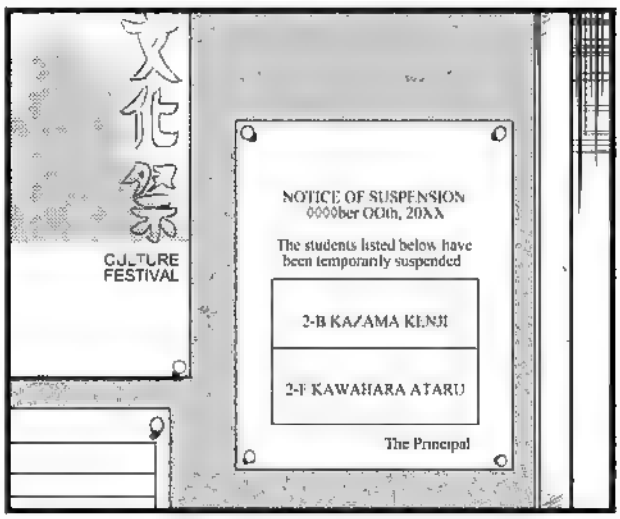

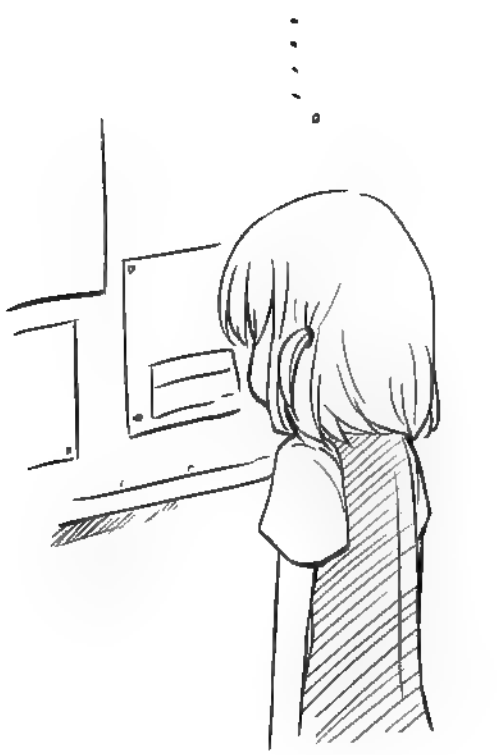

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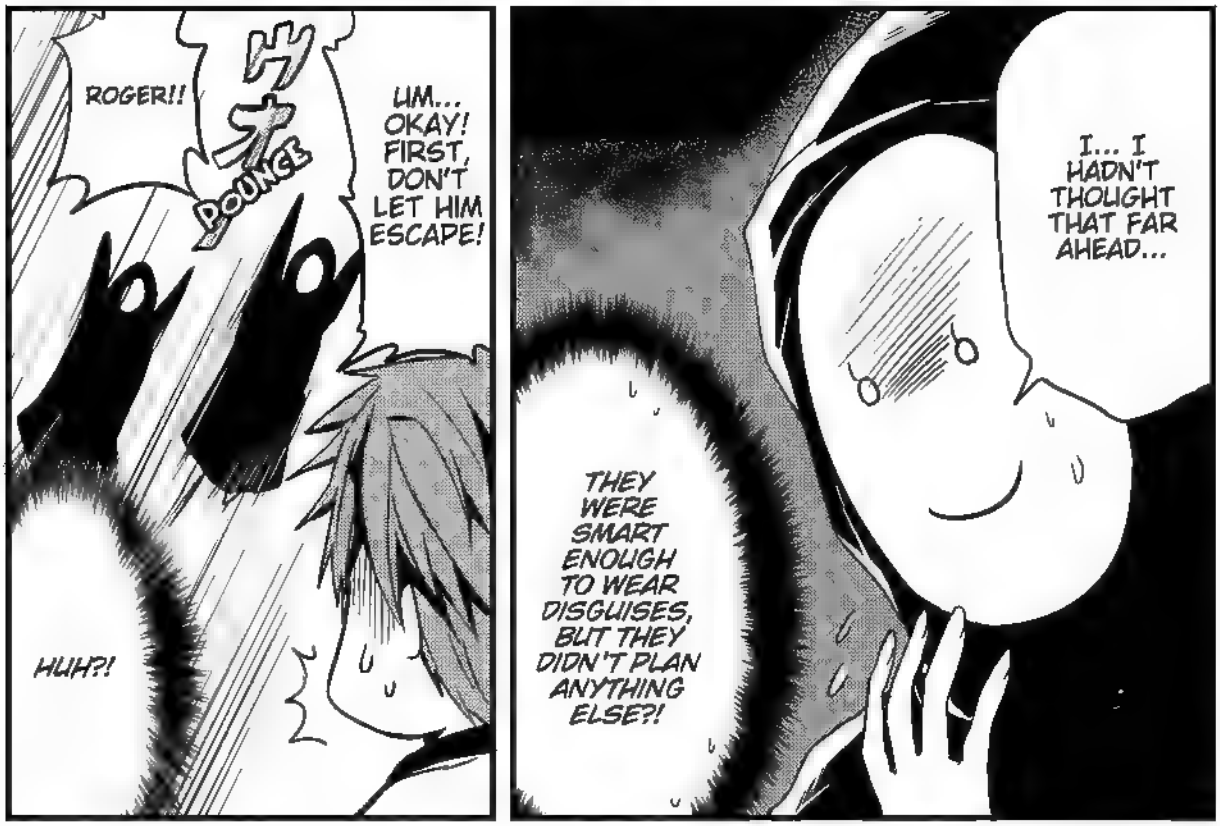
SIR, YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE US!!
YEAH! SHE DARED US TO DO IT! WE COULDN'T TURN HER DOWN!!
IT'S ALL A MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING, SIR!!
SERIOUS-LY, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!!
BOTH OF YOU WERE INSIDE THE GIRLS' CHANGING ROOM. CORRECT?
YOU SAY THAT. AND YET...
ME EITHER !!
I'D NEVER BREAK INTO THE GIRLS' CHANGING ROOM!
YES, SIR...

Chapter 4
Nothing To Do with Me

DAMMIT.
OH... JUST A DREAM.
HUFF HUFF
AND WHY DO I CARE WHAT *SHE* THINKS, ANYWAY?
HUH?
UGH... I DON'T USUALLY CARE ABOUT GETTING SUSPENDED, BUT FOR SOMETHING STUPID LIKE *THAT?*
MAN, WHY'D MY BRAIN MAKE ME RELIVE THAT? IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN IT REALLY HAPPENED...
WHA?! AM I STILL DREAM-ING?!
HUUUH?!

WHAT DO YOU WEIRDOS WANT?! C'MON! SAY SOME-THING!!
CAPTAIN TAKAO, WHAT SHALL WE DO? HE WOKE UP...
.....
.....
SKSSSH
WAIT, I KNOW I'M AWAKE! SO WHO THE HELL ARE YOU FREAKS?!


ROGER!!
POUNCE
UM... OKAY! FIRST, DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
HUH?!
THEY WERE SMART ENOUGH TO WEAR DISGUISES, BUT THEY DIDN'T PLAN ANYTHING ELSE?!
I... I HADN'T THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD...

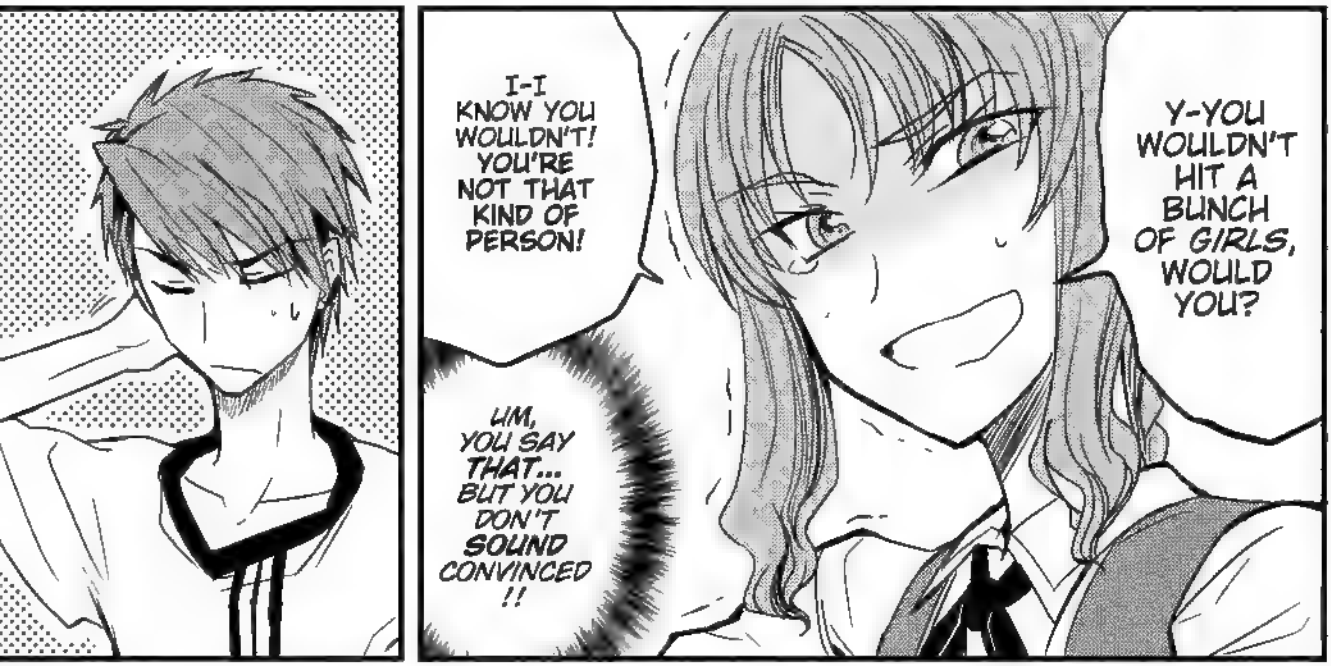
WHAP
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT BRING IT!!
RRGH!

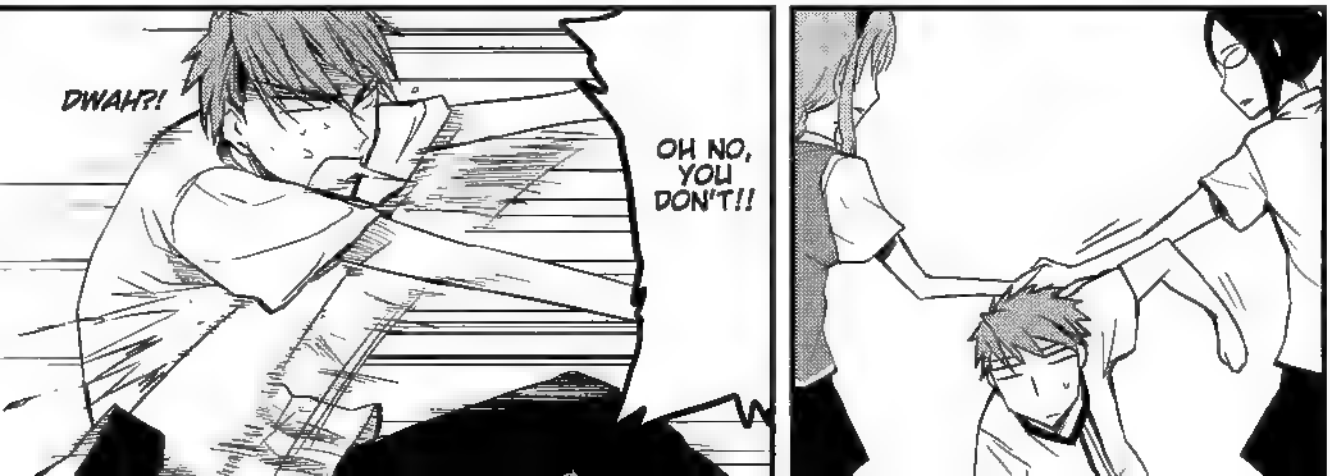
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
UH... OH CRAP, I'M GETTING DIZZY...
HOLD ON, I'M TRYING TO THINK OF SOME-THING...
WELL? NOW WHAT DO WE DO, CAPTAIN?!
HEH HEH HEH! NOW YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE US!!
.....
WHIRL
WHIRL
I... I THINK I'M GOING TO THROW UP...
HANG IN THERE, CAPTAIN!!
WHA?!
KRIK KRAK
EEP!
HEY, UH, YOU GUYS MIND IF I START BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF YOU NOW?
UM... UH... W-WE...
WELL?
TAKE THOSE STUPID CLOAKS OFF BEFORE I PUMMEL YOU.
HERE'S A PLAN...

THE WHAT CLUB?!
DUNN!
WE ARE THE GAME DEVELOP-MENT CLUB!!
NO! DON'T LUMP US IN WITH THAT FAKE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB, THANKYOU-VERYMUCH!!
SO WE'RE IN THE SAME CLUB?
WAIT A SECOND ...
Oh god, there's more of them...

BWUH? SO WHAT CLUB DID I JOIN, THEN?!
WE'RE THE REAL THING!!

ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!!
YEAH !!
?!
Crap!
HEH! THIS WIMP IS THEIR NEW FIRE-POWER?
ER, CAPTAIN TAKAO? IS IT ME, OR IS HE CRYING?
Whisper
DAMMIT! FROM THE START I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT PLACE! AAAUGH...! IF ONLY WE'D HIT UP THIS ONE INSTEAD OF THE OTHER..


I-I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T! YOU'RE NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON!
UM, YOU SAY THAT... BUT YOU DON'T SOUND CONVINCED !!
Y-YOU WOULDN'T HIT A BUNCH OF GIRLS, WOULD YOU?


DWAH?!
OH NO, YOU DON'T!!

HN?
W-WE AREN'T GOING TO LET YOU JUST SLIP AWAY, EITHER!!
BUSH
THIS CHICK IS A PAIN IN THE BUTT!
YOU'RE A GIRL?
NAH, IT'S JUST, UH...
STARE
!
UM...
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG ...?
WH-WHAT? OF COURSE I'M A GIRL...!
SO WHY HAVEN'T YOU TAKEN YOUR CLOAK OFF?
OH NO!!

SAKURAGAOKA-KUN CAN PASS FOR A CUTE GIRL, BUT HE'S REALLY JUST A REGULAR PRETTY BOY! WELL, OKAY, SO "REGULAR" MAY BE A BIT MUCH... BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT!
IF THE TARGET DISCOVERS THAT HE'S A PRETTY BOY--ER, WELL, JUST A BOY--THEN HE COULD USE FORCE TO BREAK THROUGH OUR BARRIER!
A FLAW IN THE DEFENSE.
IF NEED BE, I WILL LEAD IN TO RESCUE HIM.
ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN?
RIGHT, SHE'S USELESS. THE PANIC HAS TAKEN OVER...
Wobble
Oh dear...
Oh no...
Wobble
ALL RIGHT, IF YOU INSIST...
NOW DO YOU STILL THINK I'M A BOY?!
WHAT?! HE WORE A GIRL'S UNIFORM UNDER HIS CLOAK?!
SPLURT

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO GET ME TO DO STUFF LIKE THAT!
NO! PLEASE DON'T ASK THAT OF ME!
THIS IS ONE OF MY OLD UNIFORMS. HOW ABOUT YOU TRY IT ON?
SAKURA-GAOKA-KUN~!
BUT HE DIDN'T DO IT FOR ME... HE DID IT FOR THAT MAN! FOR THAT FAKE NEWBIE DELINQUENT WANNABE!!
Aha ha ha ha...
Sorry.
HUNH... I GUESS YOU ARE A GIRL.
HE HAD BEEN SO AGAINST IT BEFORE, BUT NOW HE VOLUNTARILY PUT ON THE SKIRT...!
Aha ha... ha...
.....
BUT I WILL THANK HIM FOR IT... FOREVER!
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR TAKING THAT FROM ME...
SLUMP

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING, BUT THEY'RE STILL DROPPING LIKE FLIES...
UH... WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING HERE?
HEY, I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED FIRST!!
AUGH!! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP! I'M LEAVING!!
H-HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, STEPPING OVER MY ARM?!
HOW DARE YOU STRADDLE A LADY LIKE THAT, YOU CRASS JERK! TAKE ONE MORE STEP, AND I'LL TELL THE ENTIRE SCHOOL WHAT A CREEP YOU ARE!
GOD, THIS CHICK IS REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES.
WHATEVER. THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY OUT OF THIS...
HN?
LOOOOOM
CRAP! I FORGOT THERE'S FOUR OF 'EM!!
AND THIS ONE'S DEFI-NITELY A GUY!!
OH CRAP!!

I... I...
SNIFF
Yamada
UNDERNEATH THAT MASK, YAMADA LOOKS LIKE A HUGE, SCARY THUG, BUT HE'S REALLY JUST A BIG OLD SOFTIE!
HE ONLY LOOKS TOUGH!
THERE'S NO WAY ANYBODY COULD MISTAKE HIM FOR A GIRL...
(THERE'S JUST NO WAY!)
ANOTHER FLAW IN THEIR DEFENSE.

OH, YAMADA! YOU TRIED SO HARD... BUT IT'S MORE CREEPY THAN CUTE...!!
WSH
I'M A GIRL TOO!!

SEE YA.
RR-RGH! HOW DARE YOU!!
YA-MA-DA!!
Ouuu!
THE HELL YOU ARE!!
POW
ドゴ

THAT DOES IT! I MUST AVENGE MY FALLEN COMRADES!!
UH, DO YOU HAVE TO? YOU'RE BETTER OFF JUST DROPPING IT...
CAPTAIN... NO... DON'T DO IT...
SEE?! EVEN YOUR OWN MINIONS AGREE WITH ME!!
IT'S TRUE...
YOU OUTSTRIP ME IN SPEED, STRENGTH, AND FIGHTING EXPERIENCE--
EXACT-LY!
YOU'RE TOTALLY OUT-MATCHED, CAPTAIN!!
BUT I STILL HAVE STRAT-EGY!
SURE YOU CAN BEAT ME, BUT CAN YOU TAKE ON THE NATION'S POLICE FORCE?!
CELL PHONE
SO YOUR PLAN IS TO GET SOMEONE ELSE TO FIGHT YOUR BATTLES?!
BAAAAAAN

FROOOOOOO
YES... IF I CALL THE COPS AND BEG THEM TO SAVE ME...
WHO DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BELIEVE: YOU OR CUTE LITTLE OLD ME?
WELL, MR. SUSPENDED STUDENT?
HEY! THAT'S NOT FAIR!!

TSK. HOW UNFORTUNATE. IF YOU WEREN'T INTO FEET AND LIKED LARGE BREASTS LIKE ANY OTHER MAN, THE CAPTAIN COULD HAVE SEDUCED YOU INSTEAD.
I'D NEVER DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT!!
And what are you doing with your hands?
I DON'T LIKE FEET!!
That's our Captain...

TH-THAT'S RIGHT! IF IT'S BETWEEN A KNOWN DELINQUENT AND A GIRL WITH BIG BOOBS LIKE THE CAPTAIN, THEY'LL BELIEVE THE CAPTAIN EVERY TIME!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MENTION MY BOOBS!!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T LIKE FEET THEN WHAT DO YOU LIKE?!
WHA?! UM, WELL, IF I HAD TO PICK ONE THING...

I GOT THAT INTEL FROM OHSAWA-SENSEI...
Hm? Kazama? In a word, I'd call him... a foot fetishist.
I see!
YOU SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT PEOPLE BEHIND THEIR BACKS!
AND THAT'S TOTALLY FAKE INTEL, BY THE WAY!!
Memo

FOR THE LAST TIME, I DON'T HAVE A FOOT FETISH!!
HUH? REALLY?

WAIT... DID I JUST ANSWER THAT HONESTLY, LIKE A TOTAL IDIOT?
I GUESS BOOBS...?
WHOA!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU STARE AT MY CHEST, I'LL NEVER LET YOU TOUCH 'EM!!
NEVER, EVER, EVER!!
HOLD ON! I DIDN'T SAY I LIKED YOURS!!
GRAMMAR
WHAT? ARE THEY NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU?!

UH-OH.
CAN WE STOP TALKING ABOUT BOOBS?
OR MAYBE YOU LIKE ITTY-BITTY TITTIES?! IS THAT IT?!
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO

N-NO! IT WASN'T ME! I WAS NEVER GOING TO CALL THEM FOR REAL! THAT WAS JUST A THREAT!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!! YOU ACTUALLY CALLED THE COPS?!
WE'RE ON THE SCENE.
SKFF
!!
SKFF
SKFF
THEN WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?!

SLAM
SKFF
SKFF
SKFF

WEE-OOO
HUH?

HAVE ANY OF YOU SEEN ANYTHING?
AHA HA HA!
MWA HA HA..
HA HA!
WE RECEIVED CALLS FROM RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA SAYING THEY SAW A CITIZEN BEING ATTACKED BY A GANG WEARING BLACK CLOAKS.

Y-YES, OF COURSE, SIR!
EXCUSE ME, YOUNG LADY. MAY I TALK TO YOU?
EEEEK!
SKFF
SKFF

HUH?
TWITCH
UM... DO ANY OF YOU... KNOW THIS GUY?
.....

NOPE. NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE IN OUR LIVES!

A NORMAL-LOOKING GUY MANAGED TO KNOCK OUT YAMA--ER, I MEAN, THIS CLOAKED STRANGER... AND THEN RAN OFF. THE OTHER CLOAKED PEOPLE CHASED AFTER HIM.
R-RIGHT!

TH-THAT'S RIGHT, NOW I REMEMBER! THERE WAS A REALLY BIG FIGHT OVER HERE.
RIGHT, CAPT-AIN?

OH MY GAWD, I WAS SOOO SCARED!!

I, UH, I WAS SO PANICKED I COULDN'T TELL!
I...I'M NOT SURE IF THEY RAN UPSTREAM OR DOWN-STREAM.

SORRY, OFFICERS!
SLAM
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU AND THE FAKE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB!!
GRAWR!!
WHAAAAT?!
W-WAIT...
HEY!
NEXT TIME, YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY!!
DAAASH
WE WON'T FORGET THIS!!
I THINK I'M GONNA GO HOME...

Crap! How are we gonna spring Yamada?!

D-FRAGMENTS ディーふらぐ!

WHAK
WHAK
WHAK
WHAK
WHAK
Ngh!
YOU CAN'T DO A THING AGAINST ME!!
BWA HA HA HA!! HOW DOES THAT FEEL?!

YOU'LL BE TOGETHER WITH YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS SOON...
OH, BUT DON'T WORRY...

ONCE I CRUSH YOU!!

Chapter 5
Still
Thinking
C'MON!
BRING IT,
YOU
COWARD!!
Shake
Shake
Shake

UGH...!
I'M...
I'M
FINISH-
ED...

BUMP

THUMP
COMIC
MONTHLY
I LOVE
men
BUT... THERE'S STILL HOPE, BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE YOU. KNOWING THAT... I CAN GO TO MY FINAL REST... IN PEACE...
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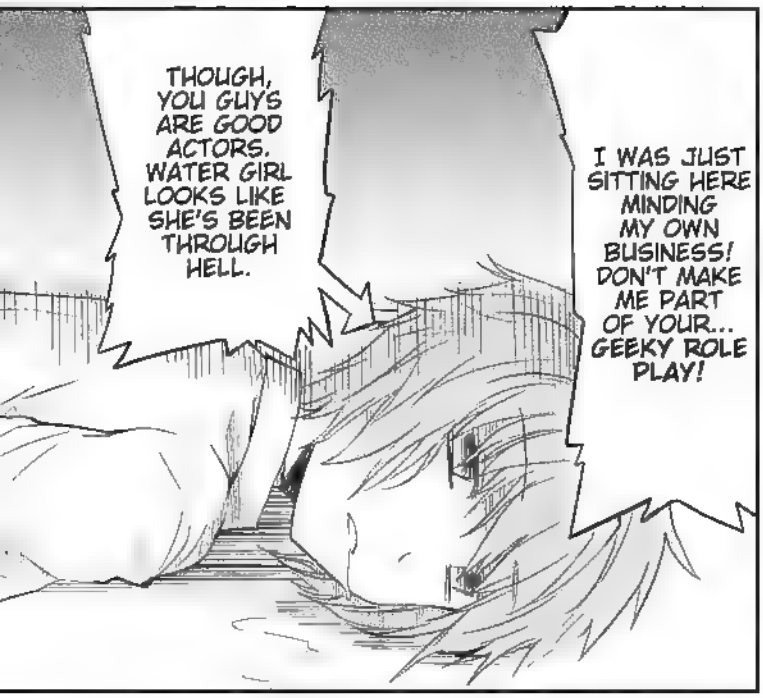
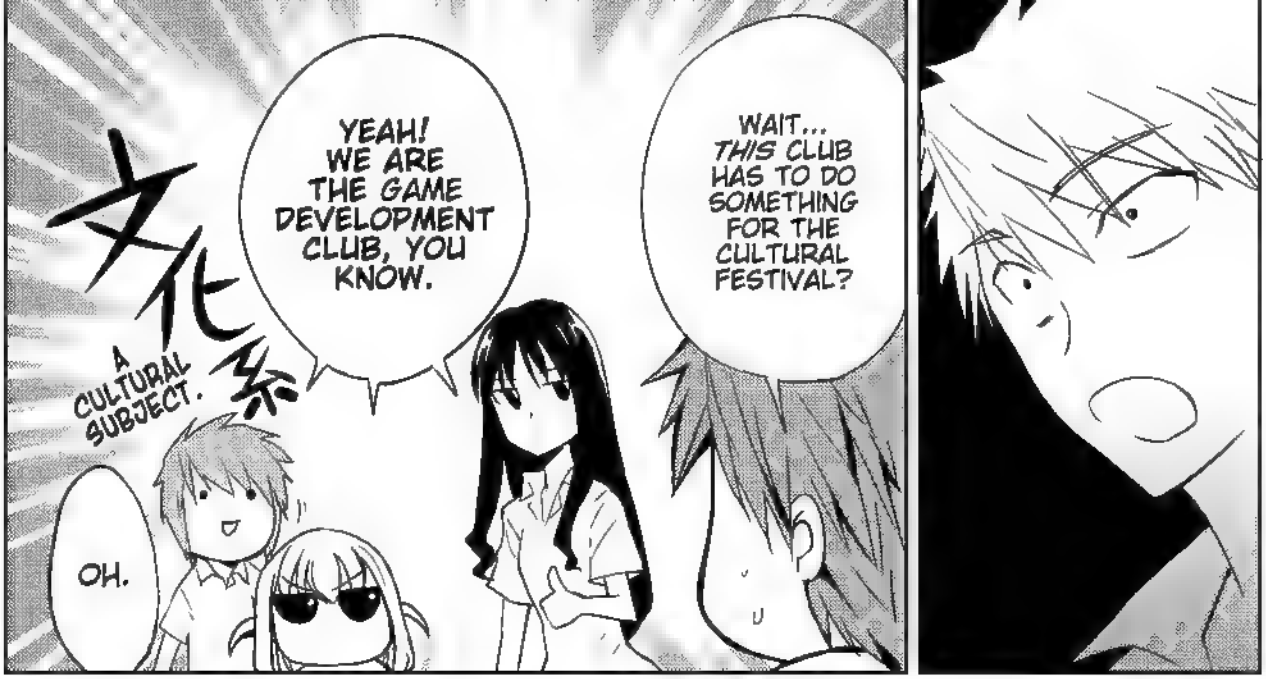

THOUGH, YOU GUYS ARE GOOD ACTORS. WATER GIRL LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BEEN THROUGH HELL.
I WAS JUST SITTING HERE MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS! DON'T MAKE ME PART OF YOUR... GEEKY ROLE PLAY!

SHUT UP!!
WAAAH!

BUT YOU'RE JUST ACTING LAZY!
GET UP AND ACT LIKE AN ADULT!!
MMMM... THE COOL FLOOR FEELS GOOD. I DON'T WANNA GET UP AND GO HOME. MAYBE I'LL JUST LIE HERE ALL DAY...

UM, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS WHAT WE'RE DOING? WE'RE PLAYING "CAN-THE-HERO-WITHSTAND-THE-EVIL-ARCANE-OVERLORD'S-SPACE-COMPRESSION-SPELL." DUH.
?
DON'T "DUH" ME!
YOU MADE THAT GAME UP!
AND YOU GET TO BE HERO'S SON A.
WAIT, DOESN'T MY CHARACTER GET A NAME?! I NEVER GOT A SCRIPT! AND I DON'T WANT TO DO IT, ANYWAY!
GAWD... DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
SIIIGH...
ACTU-ALLY, WE DO...
AS THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL IS NEXT WEEK, PERHAPS WE SHOULD DISCUSS WHAT OUR CLUB PRESENTATION WILL BE?
TAP
TAP
TAP

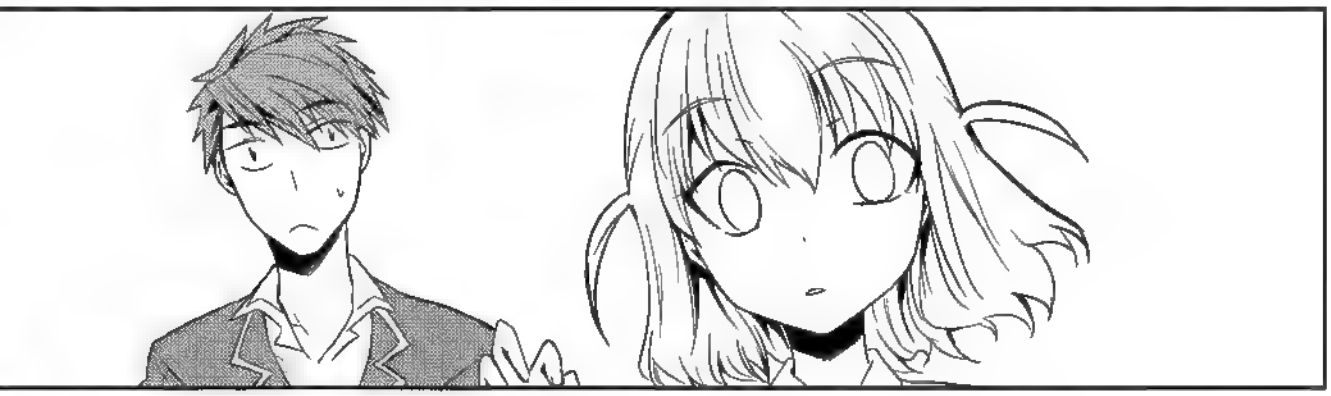

WAIT... THIS CLUB HAS TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL?
YEAH! WE ARE THE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB, YOU KNOW.
A CULTURAL SUBJECT.
OH.

SPEAKING OF THAT, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME...
THE OTHER DAY I CAME ACROSS A CLUB THAT CALLS ITSELF THE "REAL" GAME DEV CLUB...
RATTLE
RATTLE
!!
HEH HEH HEH... I HEARD EVERY WORD!

I'M HERE TO CHALLENGE YOUR FAKE CLUB TO A COMPETITION DURING THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL!!
SHWAK
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!!
RIGHT. FINE. BUT FIRST, TELL ME WHAT--
LOOOOM
WHO SAYS WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE FESTIVAL?

H-
HEY!!
POUNCE
WE'LL TAKE YOU ON RIGHT NOW!!
DWAH ?!
GLUG GLUG
HA HA HA! EVEN ON LAND, I'LL DROWN YOU!!
HAAAAH! WATER ATTACK!!
SPLISH SPLASH
SQUISH SPLAT
SPLASH
TAKE THIS!! EARTH-- WELL, ACTU-ALLY-- SAND ATTACK!!
ALIGH! IT'S GETTING IN MY EYES! AHH! AND NOW IT'S IN MY MOUTH!!
SPLAK
UM... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TP
TP
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF GIRL YOU ARE!!
YOU REALLY THINK I'M THAT KIND OF GIRL?
EH?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO JOIN IN?
NO...

DON'T YOU DARE TALK TO ME...
YOU FILTHY TRAITOR!!
WHAP



NOO-OO!!
SEE? CUUUUTE!
JUST LET IT GO...
FLAP FLAP
HOW CAN YOU HATE SOMEONE THIS CUTE?
HUG
OH MY GOD, YOU STILL HATE ROKA?

A-ANYWAY!! IF WE WIN, WE ALONE GET TO CALL OURSELVES "THE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB" AND YOU ALL HAVE TO JOIN OUR CLUB!
GOT IT, YOU MORONS ?!
IDIOTS!!
FAKES!!
AH-CHOO!!
Get lost already...
UH! WAIT A MINUTE.

DO THOSE TWO HAVE A HISTORY OR SOMETHING?
YOU COULD SAY THAT.
.....
TP
TP
TP

BACK WHEN ROKA WAS STILL A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT, SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THEIR CLUB.
BUT, WELL... YOU KNOW HOW SHE IS.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY SHE WAS A LITTLE SCARED OF ALL THE PEOPLE. I MEAN, WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON IN THEIR SIMPLE LITTLE MINDS?
YEAH, WELL, I DON'T HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR MINDS... IF THERE'S ANYTHING GOING ON AT ALL.

AAAAAHHH! The earth... it's so wet and slimy!!
HOLY CRAP!!
NAH. I GOT FED UP WITH THE LOT OF THEM AND DISPENSED SOME APPROPRIATE JUSTICE.
AHA.
SO, UH... SHE GOT SICK OF IT ALL AND HER DARK SIDE CAME OUT?
SHE NEVER REALLY GOT ALONG WELL WITH THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS.
DARKNESS
EVENTUALLY, ROKA BEGAN TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR IT ALL, SO SHE QUIT, TOO.
WAIT, YOU MEAN YOU DID THAT MORE THAN ONCE?!
AND EACH TIME I DISCIPLINED THEM, MORE AND MORE MEMBERS DROPPED OUT OF THE CLUB.
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS NICE AND ALL, BUT YOUR EVIL LAUGH MAKES ME DOUBT YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS...
SO I SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO OF US CREATE OUR OWN, NEW GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB TOGETHER!
HEH HEH HEH
I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE HER LIKE THAT...

Sounds like it backfired...
.....
HEY, I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP OUT MY BEST FRIEND. THAT'S ALL.
NOW GO CHASE THEM DOWN BEFORE ANYTHING BAD HAPPENS.
ME?!
WHY?!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY WENT!
SEND SOME-ONE ELSE!
I CAN'T GO. THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE.
AND I DON'T THINK SAKURA WOULD BE A WISE CHOICE...
I'LL TAKE CARE OF 'EM LICKETY-SPLIT!
YIKES !!
SPLISH
AND SENSEI'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE ...
ZZZZZ...
SHE'S FALLEN ASLEEP ?!
HEY! I, UH... I'VE HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH TAKAO BEFORE, TOO, Y'KNOW?
OH REALLY ?

BUH-BYE!
AAAUGH! OKAY! I'LL GO ALREADY! HAPPY NOW?!
Concen-tration issues?
YOU HAD DIFFICULTY HANDLING THOSE BIG BOOBS?
NO!! I DIDN'T "HANDLE" ANY-THING!!
And that hand-sign again! What does it mean?!
WELL, WHAT-EVER...
TP TP TP
SHEESH! WHY DO I GOTTA BE THE ONE...?
DAMMIT!!
TP
TP
TP
RUUUUMBLE
HN?
What's that?
LATE REALIZ-ATION.
SINCE WHEN DID I SETTLE INTO THIS CLUB SO MUCH?
WAIT A MINUTE...

CRAP! THEY'RE ALREADY GOING AT IT!!
RUUUUMMMBLLLEE
ゴゴゴゴ
Nnn gh..!
NO, I, UM...
COME AT ME, THEN! I'LL BE THE ONLY ONE LEFT STAND-ING!!
SO YOU'VE FINALLY COME TO FIGHT ME HEAD ON, EH?!
HM?
I SHOULD STAY OUT OF IT...

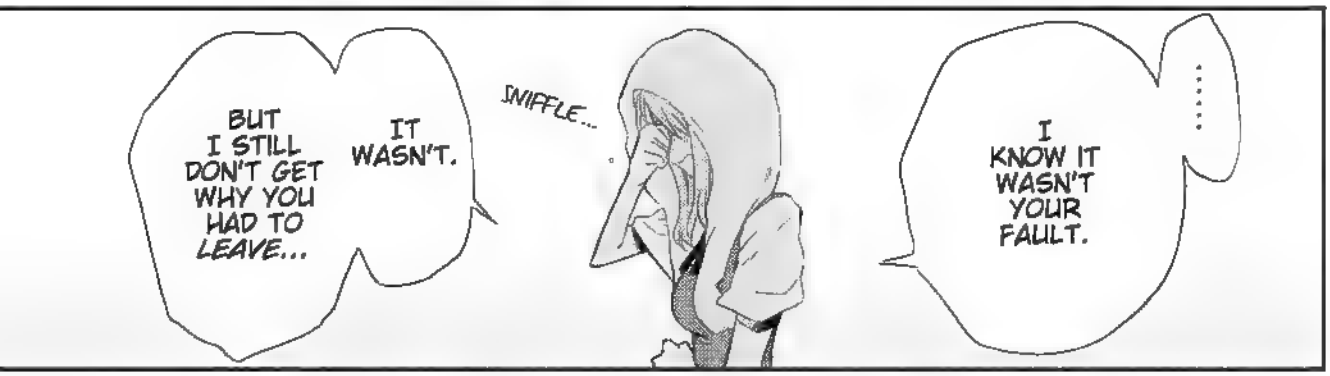
FWUF
!
FOR GOD'S SAKE...
IF YOU WANTED TO GIVE HER A TOWEL TO DRY OFF WITH, JUST SAY SO!
SO YEAH, IT LOOKS LIKE ALL SHE WANTED WAS A CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE ...
APOLO-GIZE?
SHE WANTS TO *APOLOGIZE* TO ME...?
UM...

WHAT'S THE POINT IN APOLO-GIZING *NOW?!*

EVERYBODY-- MY SEMPAIS, MY CLASS-MATES-- THEY ALL BLAMED *ME* WHEN THE CLUB COLLAPSED!!
EVERY-ONE *QUIT!*

AND YOU THINK YOU CAN APOLOGIZE TO ME *NOW?!*
EVERYBODY JUST CARED ABOUT THEM-SELVES!!

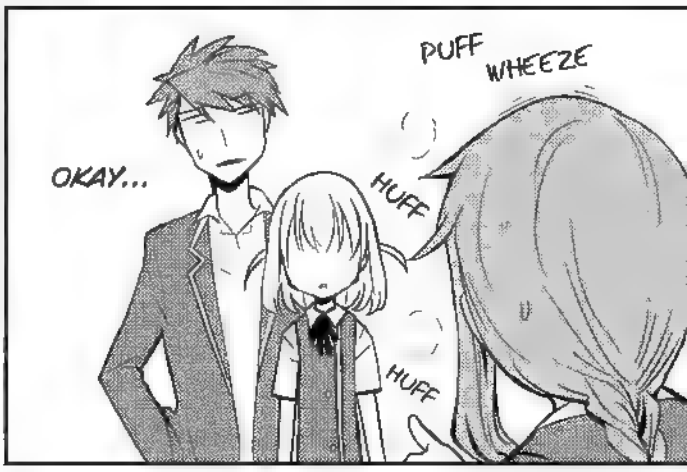
BUT INSTEAD YOU SCREWED IT ALL UP AND LEFT!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST STAYED IN THE CLUB WITH ME!!


BUT I STILL DON'T GET WHY YOU HAD TO LEAVE...
IT WASN'T.
SNIFFLE...
I KNOW IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
.....

A-ANY-WAY!!
WSH
BLUSH
.....
SNIFFLE...

I'M CHALLENG-ING YOU, CLUB TO CLUB!! IF WE WIN...
THE WHOLE FAKE CLUB WILL BE ABSORBED...
INTO OUR REAL GAME DEV CLUB!!

BASICALLY...
NONE OF THEM ARE GOOD AT DEALING WITH PEOPLE...


PUFF
WHEEZE
OKAY...
HUFF
HUFF

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN EITHER WAY!
YES, YOU DO.

No way!!
SHALL WE AGREE TO THE CHALLENGE?
WELL?
YOU'RE GONNA DUMP THIS ON ME?

Sheesh...
LOOK, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'D RATHER DO, CAPTAIN...
YOU'RE ONE OF MY CLUB MEMBERS. OF COURSE IT AFFECTS YOU.
AS FOR ME, I'D RATHER SHAKE THINGS UP THAN CLING TO THE STATUS QUO.
BUT, WIN OR LOSE, AT LEAST WE GET SOME KIND OF RESOLUTION, RIGHT?

WE ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.
HE HAS A POINT.
IT'S ON, THEN.
I SEE.
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR DEFEAT.

IT'S DONE.
YEP. SHE'S GONE NOW.
NO, THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT.

IT'S DONE. I SAID IT.
I TOLD HER WE WOULD WIN.
.....
YEP, YOU SAID IT ALL RIGHT.

SO YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF MASTER PLAN, RIGHT?
SOME KIND OF AWESOME PRESENTATION THAT WILL BLOW EVERYONE'S SOCKS OFF?
HM?
I GUESS ...
SO WHAT IS IT?
UMM...

.....
"MAYBE"?
MAYBE.
MAYBE WE'LL DO CAN-THE-HERO-WITHSTAND-THE-EVIL-ARCANE-OVERLORD'S-SPACE-COMPRESSION-SPELL?
UM...
MAYBE?
WE'RE DOOMED!!
IT'S JUST AN IDEA...

This...?
Or maybe
this...?

D-FRAGMENTS ディーふらぐ!

THE FUJOU HIGH (REAL) GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB. THOUGH IT CAME CLOSE TO IMPLODING LAST YEAR, TAKAO, THEIR CAPTAIN, HAS MANAGED TO REBUILD IT.

TODAY, THEY ARE A TALENTED CLUB HIGHLY RESPECTED BY THE GAME DEV CLUBS IN ALL THE NEARBY SCHOOLS.
AND WHILE THEIR CLUB IS SMALLER THAN IT WAS BEFORE, THEIR EXCELLENT TEAMWORK HAS LED THEM TO VICTORY AT MANY TOURNAMENTS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO WAY WE COULD BEAT THEM IN A FAIR FIGHT.
THE ONLY WAY WE CAN WIN...

Chapter 6
That's More Fun, Right?

NAH, LET'S JUST STUFF THEIR CASES FULL OF DIRT.
S T U F F E D
Fill In The Blanks
WE'RE NOT PUTTING SAND IN THEIR COMPUTERS EITHER!!
ピタッ
SPLOOSH
OKAY, HOW ABOUT WE GO IN THERE AND DRENCH ALL THEIR PCs IN WATER?
DIDN'T YOU JUST HEAR ME?! AND DON'T BE SO CHEERFUL WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR EVIL PLANS! IT'S CREEPY!!

HE'S RIGHT. NONE OF THOSE PLANS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

SHUT UP. JUST SHUT UP.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE NO CHOICE. I'LL HAVE TO USE MY FIRE ATTACK--
ALL OF THEM REQUIRE TOO MUCH TIME AND LEAVE TOO MUCH TO CHANCE.
WITH THIS, EVERYTHING IS FINISHED IN ONE SHOT, GUARANTEED.
BZZT
WAIT, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SHOOTING THEM DOWN?! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A TEACHER!!

YOU DO KNOW HOW TO DO THAT, RIGHT?
LISTEN, YOU GUYS ARE A GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB, RIGHT? SO HOW ABOUT YOU, I DON'T KNOW, BEAT THEM BY MAKING A GAME?

THIS CLUB'S A SCAM!!
SO BASICALLY, NO ONE IN THE GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB CAN ACTUALLY DEVELOP A FRIKKIN' GAME?!
ENH, I'M JUST A TEACHER HERE...
THE ONLY GAMES I KNOW HOW TO PLAY ARE MIND GAMES!
ENH, I'M MORE OF A JOCK THAN A PROGRAMMER...

■ SUPER MARILYN ■

An action game first released in the 1980s, *Super Marilyn* was the first to feature a female main character. Its novel approach of using "charm" attacks to defeat enemies made it popular with both children and adults. New games in the franchise are released regularly, even today.

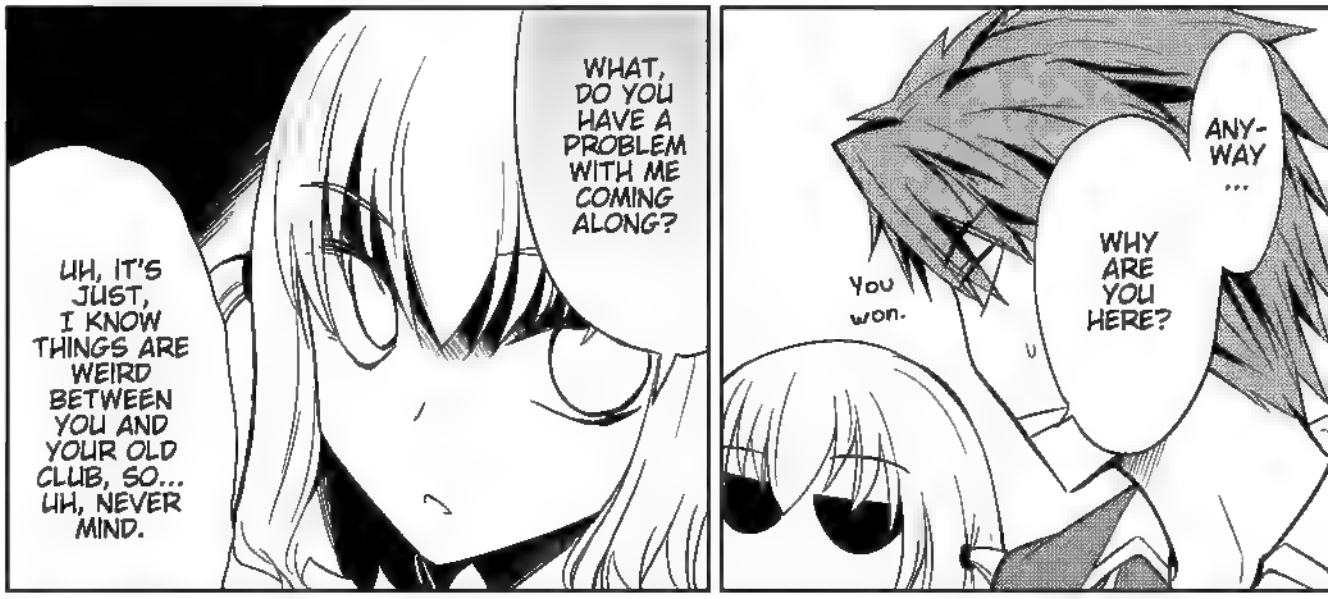
JEEZ, AT THIS RATE IT'D BE EASIER AND LESS EMBARRASSING TO JUST ADMIT DEFEAT AND LET THE REAL GAME DEV CLUB ABSORB US.

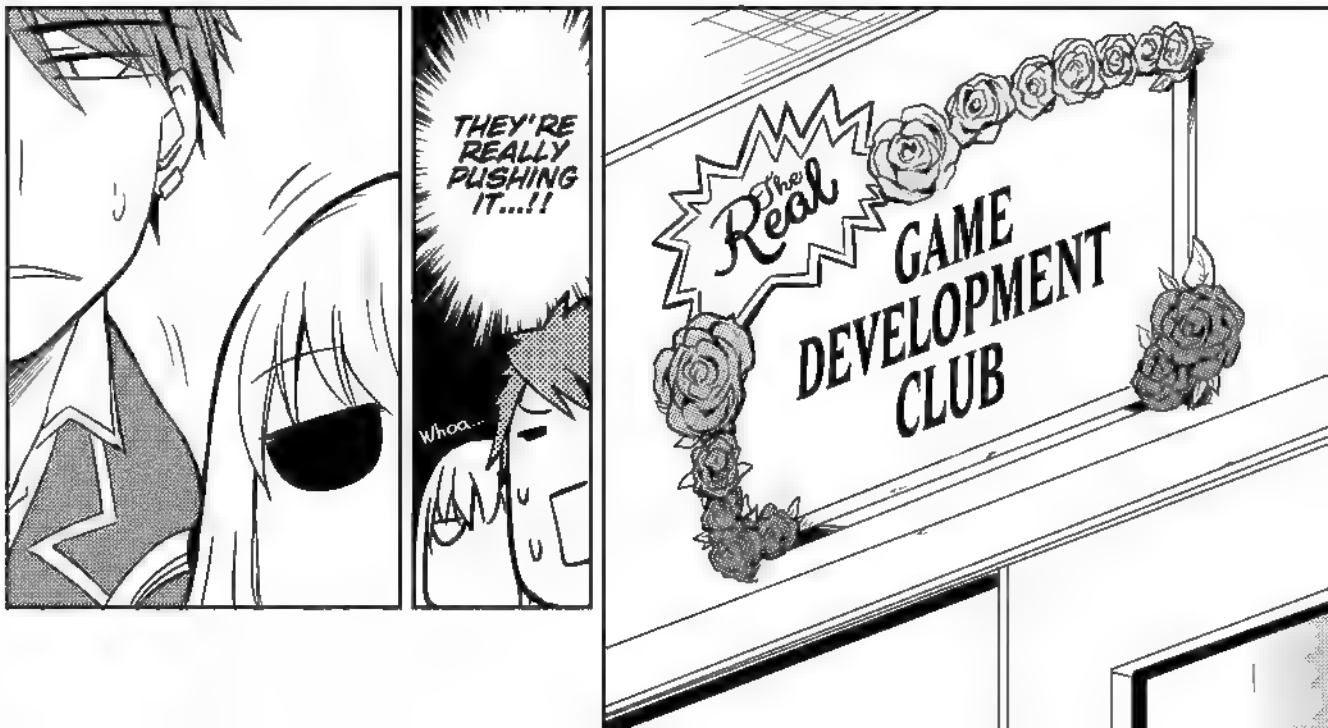
STILL... WHATEVER OUR SITUATION MAY BE, WE SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT SORT OF GAME THEY'RE MAKING.
WHAT-EVER! YOU GUYS DO WHAT YOU WANT AND LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!

YOU'RE ON, MISTER SUPER SPY.
WHAT?! ME AGAIN?!
NO WAY! YOU CAN'T DUMP THIS ON ME!!
HM?
WHAT IF I ASK YOU WITH BIG PUPPY EYES? WOULD YOU DO IT THEN?
NO!!

OKAY, THEN HOW ABOUT WE PLAY A GAME? WHOEVER LOSES IS THE SPY.
HA! YOU'RE ON! I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TO SOME DUMB GAME!!

HE LOST.
UGH. STUPID LOUSY VIDEO GAME...
GLOOM
TP TP TP


UH, IT'S JUST, I KNOW THINGS ARE WEIRD BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR OLD CLUB, SO... UH, NEVER MIND.
WHAT, DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME COMING ALONG?
You won.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ANY-WAY ...


THEY'RE REALLY PUSHING IT...!!
Whoa...
The Real
GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB

LISTEN, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO BE STEALTHY WITH YOU AROUND. WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO BACK TO THE CLUB ROOM?
I'M STAYING!
YAMMER YAMMER
WELL? CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING?
NOPE.
SNEEK SNEEK
Sheesh...
HUH?
AH.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
UMM...
WE JUST CAME TO SAY HI...?

YOU TWO HAVE SOME NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACES AROUND HERE!
ESPE-CIALLY SINCE YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU FAKERS!!
SLAM
SHE'S GOT A POINT...

GET IN HERE.
I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU.
HMPH.
BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE...
YOU SURE?
IT'S FINE.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
BAM
UM, OKAY THEN...

YOU STAY OUT HERE.

LOOM
UMMM... IS IT OKAY IF I TAKE A LOOK?
RUUUMMMBLLL

YA... YAMADA!
DONNN

LISTEN, UHH... I'M SORRY ABOUT PUNCHING YOU.
NO, NO. IT'S ALL RIGHT. I WAS THE ONE AT FAULT.
Camera Angle 1
Camera Angle 2
SEE CHAPTER 4.
AH! KAZAMA KENJI!!
YEAH?
Why are you here?!
YOU, UH, PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO THAT DISGUISE ...
THANK YOU. I APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR ALL THE TROUBLE.
CHATTER
CHATTER
YAMMER
YAMMER
YOU HAVE MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE.
FOR WHAT?!
AGAIN, SEE CHAPTER 4.

IT'S SIMPLE. FIRST YOU GO HERE...
SO WHAT DO I DO?
OH, RIGHT!
WELL? HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE!

WATCH.
HEH, GOT HIM. HE'LL FALL, JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER MAN DOES.

!!
UNTIL THE BACK OF HIS HEAD COMES TO REST IN THE VALLEY OF THAT BOUNTIFUL BOSOM.
THE CAPTAIN WILL LEAN FURTHER AND FURTHER FORWARD...

SO FAR, NO MAN HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO RESIST!!
NO IDEA.
And then you do this.
SQUISH
AH, BUT IT MAY NOT GO SO SMOOTHLY THIS TIME...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TAKE A LOOK.
WHAT ?!
OH MY GOD!!
HIS HAIR'S TOO SPIKY!!
IT'S SO SHARP SHE CAN FEEL IT THROUGH HER SHIRT! THAT'S WHY SHE'S NOT LEANING FORWARD AND ENVELOPING HIM WITH HER HUGE MELONS!!
PRICK PRICK
HEH! LOOKS LIKE YOU WIN THIS ROUND--
HUH?

And here you...
ZOOM
TP
TP
TP
!!
TP
TP
OOPS.
SLIP
TP
TP
TP
TP
AAAITEEE!!
CHIRP
BUMP
STAB
STAB STAB

.....
SLAM
SKSHHH
GET OO-OUT !!
UM... SORRY.
I KNOW THAT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
HUFF
HUFF
FORGET IT.
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT EITHER.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST JOIN OUR CLUB ALREADY?

"ALREADY"?
IT'S OBVIOUS WHO'S GOING TO WIN THIS CHALLENGE. WHAT'S THE POINT IN FIGHTING IT?
REALLY?
TRUE... IF WE LOSE, WE'LL ALL HAVE TO JOIN THIS CLUB ANYWAY.
BESIDES, IF YOU JUST JOIN US...
MAYBE SHE'LL STOP BEING SO STUB-BORN.
DO I REALLY OWE IT TO THEM TO STICK AROUND...?
BWA HA HA HA
Yikes...!

I MEAN, IT'S MORE FUN THAT WAY, RIGHT?
LET'S STICK TO THE PLAN AND LET THE CHALLENGE DECIDE.
HMPH! FINE, HAVE IT YOUR WAY!!
THE WINNER IS THE CLUB THAT ATTRACTS THE MOST VISITORS! UNDER-STOOD?!
GRAWR
Sheesh...
YEAH, YEAH.
TP TP TP

DARK ROKA
コオオオオオ…
Siiigh...
"LET THE CHALLENGE DECIDE"... BIG TALK FROM A GUY WHOSE CLUB STILL DOESN'T HAVE A PLAN.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? C'MON, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
HUH?
?
WHAT?
EMP!
WHAT THE HELL?!

GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB
WELCOME BACK.
SO HOW'D IT GO?
KLONK
YOU LOSERS HAVE JUST BEEN PLAYING THIS WHOLE TIME?!

I WAS OUT THERE RISKING MY NECK FOR YOU...
WELL?
DID YOU DESTROY IT?
OH, SO *THAT'S* WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT?! YOU SAID YOU JUST WANTED ME TO SPY ON THEM!

WELL, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SMART ENOUGH TO READ BETWEEN THE LINES!
I MEAN, THERE'S *NO WAY* WE CAN BEAT THEM IF WE PLAY BY THE RULES...
WHY YOU --!!

HM? WAIT A SECOND... HER POWER?
OH WELL. IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I'LL JUST ABUSE MY POWER AND RIG THE CONTEST.
IT'S THAT EASY, HUH?
WHAT?
STARE
SMIRK
I JUST HAD A CRAZY IDEA...
WHAT IS IT?
.....
!!
THERE JUST *MIGHT* BE A WAY FOR US TO WIN THIS AFTER ALL!

Aaaaah!!
Whoa! Did a girl just come out of the boys' restroom?
Was in the club room, but when he saw that Kenji was there, he dashed out to change. Kenji was gone by the time he came back...

D-FRAGMENTS
ディーふらぐ!

FUJOU HIGH FREEDOM FESTIVAL
IT'S YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY SCHOOL FESTIVAL WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT.
KNOWN BY SOME AS THE "TRIPLE F"...
THE FUJOU HIGH FREE-DOM FEST-IVAL.

✧FATHER AND SON TOUGH GUY ACT.
WHY? BECAUSE I GRADUATED FROM FUJOU HIGH, OF COURSE!

SO, DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW?
YEAH... BUT, DAD? IF THIS PLACE IS SO BORING, WHY'D YOU BRING ME HERE?

WH-WHAT'S THIS?!
NGH!
WHIRR
FWOOOOSH

AH!
ゴゥゴゥゴ
RABL
I'M NOT SURE, SON!
I'M SO HAPPY! MY BOY HAS FINALLY REACHED THAT AGE WHERE HE'LL USE THE WORD "CHI" IN A NORMAL CONVER-SATION!!
WMM
WH-WHOA! I'VE NEVER FELT CHI THIS POWERFUL! ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A NORMAL FESTIVAL, DAD?!
WMM

Chapter 7
Let the
Battle Begin!

SOME-
THING'S
GOING
DOWN
AT THIS
YEAR'S
TRIPLE F!!

DAD
...!
YES,
SON
...
THAT'S
--!!

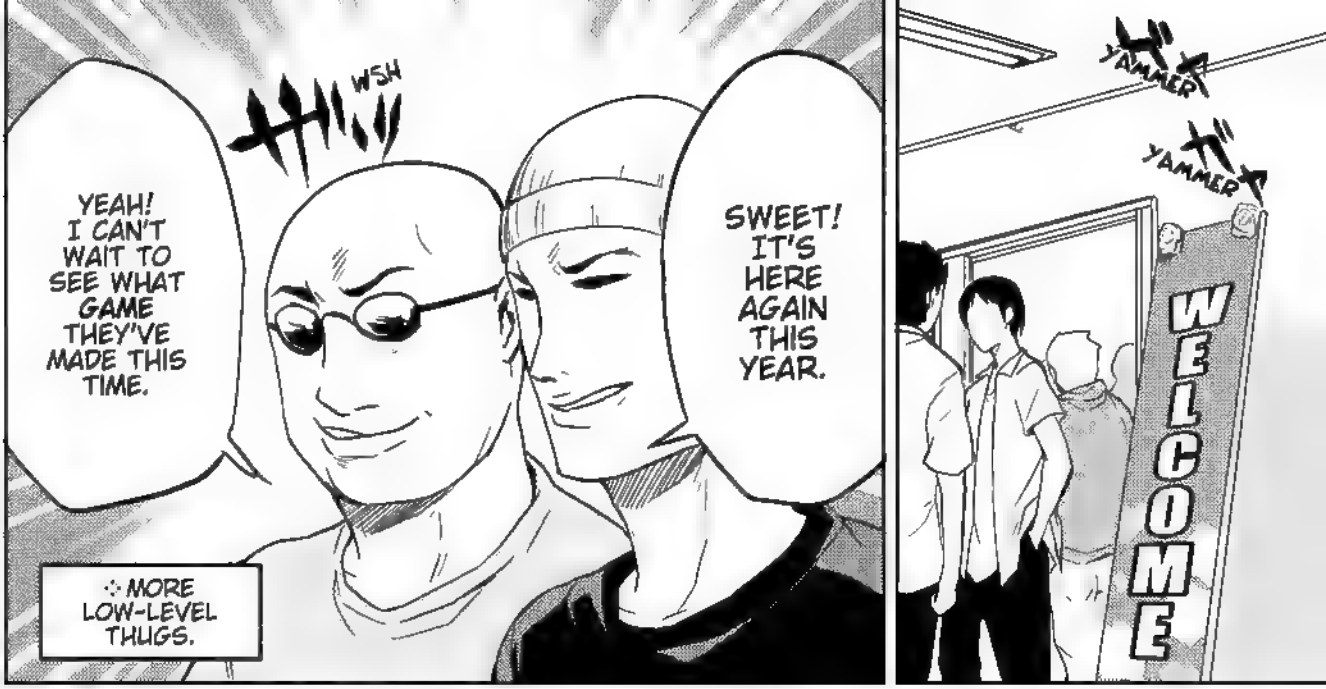
SO, JUDGMENT DAY IS HERE...
TO BE HONEST, I HALF-EXPECTED YOU GUYS TO TRY AND SA-BOTAGE US!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DECIDED TO TAKE THIS CHALLENGE SERIOUSLY AND ACT WITH HONOR FOR ONCE. WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE.
OH, I HAD PLANS, BIG SCHEMES THAT WOULD HAVE SABOTAGED YOU TO INTO OBLIVION... BUT THOSE IDEAS WERE... VOTED DOWN IN COMMITTEE.
SMIRK
TOO BAD! ♪
Y'KNOW, I REALLY FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE ROOTING FOR THE OTHER GUYS...
Hang in there, Captain!

ERM... FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF THIS CHALLENGE. THE WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHICHEVER CLUB ATTRACTS THE MOST GUESTS.
Why do I have to do this?
SHOULD OUR CLUB WIN, WE WILL ABSORB THE LOSING CLUB TO FORM ONE SINGLE "GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB."

AND, IF YOUR CLUB WINS...?
HEH. IF WE WIN...
THEN WE WILL SUBJECT TAKAO'S BUST...
WHRRRL
TO THE TORTURE OF... THIS!!

?
YOU'D DO THAT TO HER?! REALLY?!
WHRRRL
WAIT, HUH?! WHAT IS "THAT"?!
OH MY GOD! YOU'RE A MONSTER !!

So, uh... who are you again?
HEH! WELL, AT LEAST YOUR LAME CLUB HAS SOMEONE WITH GUTS! MAYBE THIS'LL BE FUN AFTER ALL.
HEY, WAIT! I'M THE CAPTAIN HERE!
BUT WE ACCEPT! A CHALLENGE IS MORE EXCITING WHEN THE STAKES ARE HIGH!
SCATTER
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!
HEY! IT WASN'T MY IDEA!
YOU PERV-ERT!!
WELL, GOOD LUCK AND ALL THAT...
.....


WSH
YEAH! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT GAME THEY'VE MADE THIS TIME.
SWEET! IT'S HERE AGAIN THIS YEAR.
: MORE LOW-LEVEL THUGS.
YAMMER
YAMMER
WELCOME

HEY! YOU DID IT, TOO!
LET ME GUESS: THAT HAT IS HIDING A SHAVED HEAD, ISN'T IT? YOU CUT ALL YOUR HAIR OFF JUST SO YOU COULD GET A BETTER FEEL?
BUT WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST OF ALL IS TAKAO-SAN'S EXPLANATION OF THE GAME...AND THE FEEL OF HER BOOBS ON THE BACK OF MY HEAD!
NAH, I'M JUST NATURAL-LY BALD!
HEH HEH HEH!

NOPE, SORRY! THIS YEAR THE REST OF OUR CLUB WILL BE EXPLAINING THE GAME.
THE NEW, SLIGHTLY WISER CAPTAIN TAKAO.
WHAT THE HECK?
ER... TAKAO-SAN? WON'T YOU BE DOING YOUR PERSONAL GAME TUTORIALS THIS YEAR?
OH, HELLO!
KLIK KLIK
COUNTER

Oooh...
!!
WHOA. YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE IN HERE.

ANYWAY, I'M JUST HERE BECAUSE THE OTHERS WANTED YOU TO COME OVER.
Why do they always send me?
NONE OF THE OTHERS CAN GET AWAY.

WHAT, ARE YOU HERE TO MAKE FUN OF US? STEP THROUGH THAT DOOR, AND I'LL PRESS THIS BUTTON.
I'LL PRESS IT TEN TIMES!!
UH, WHY TEN?

UMM... AS I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING COUNT OF OUR VISITORS, I-I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LEAVE MY POST.
LOOK, I'M NOT TRYING TO LURE YOU INTO A TRAP...
BUT IF ANYONE WOULD, IT'D BE YOU GUYS!!
TRUE. THAT DOES SOUND LIKE SOMETHING THE OTHERS WOULD DO.

COME OVER ...?

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO US!
WE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO WIN, NO MATTER HOW KINKY!!
CAPTAIN, GO!

HUH? WHY DO I HAVE TO "PROTECT" HER?
And why are you thanking me? And what's with the nose-bleed?
AND THANK YOU!!
PLEASE PROTECT OUR CAPTAIN FROM THE EVIL DEVIANTS IN YOUR CLUB!

!!
FORCED BY HER OWN CLUB.
GRAWR
OKAY, OKAY! I'LL GO!!
AND WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS CRYING?
P-PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OUR CAPTAIN...

WHAT KIND OF GAME DID YOU MAKE?
YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT...
WELL?
HAUNTED HOUSE
HAVE YOU THOUGHT AT ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO AFTER OUR CLUB IS ABSORBED INTO YOURS?
HEY, UH...
WHATEVER! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO WIN ANYWAY.
I'M JUST GOING TO SEE WHAT SKILLS AND ABILITIES MY NEW MEMBERS HAVE!
UH-HUH.
HM?
WELL, UM, OF COURSE I HAVE...

DO YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE FOR A SECOND THAT THEY'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY?
HEY, NEW CAPTAIN! GO GET ME A DRINK!
WHAT?!
HEY, NEW CAPTAIN! LET'S PRACTICE PRO WRESTLING MOVES TOGETHER!
READY! SET!
HUH?!
W-WAIT!
ER... TAKAO-SAN?
NEVER MIND... IT'S NOTHING.
GOOD-BYE.
!!?!

MAYBE FORCING EVERYONE INTO THE SAME CLUB MIGHT, Y'KNOW... JUST MAKE EVERYBODY MISERABLE?

O-OF COURSE THEY WOULD! WH-WHY WOULDN'T THEY? AHA HA...
WOW, SHE'S IN DEEP DENIAL...

WELL, THEY FORCED YOU TO JOIN, AND YOU FIT IN PRETTY FAST!
I DO NOT FIT IN WITH THOSE FREAKS!!
YES, HE DOES.
JUST WAIT! ONE DAY, I'M GONNA GET BACK AT THEM FOR ALL THEY'VE PUT ME THROUGH!
NO, NO YOU WON'T.
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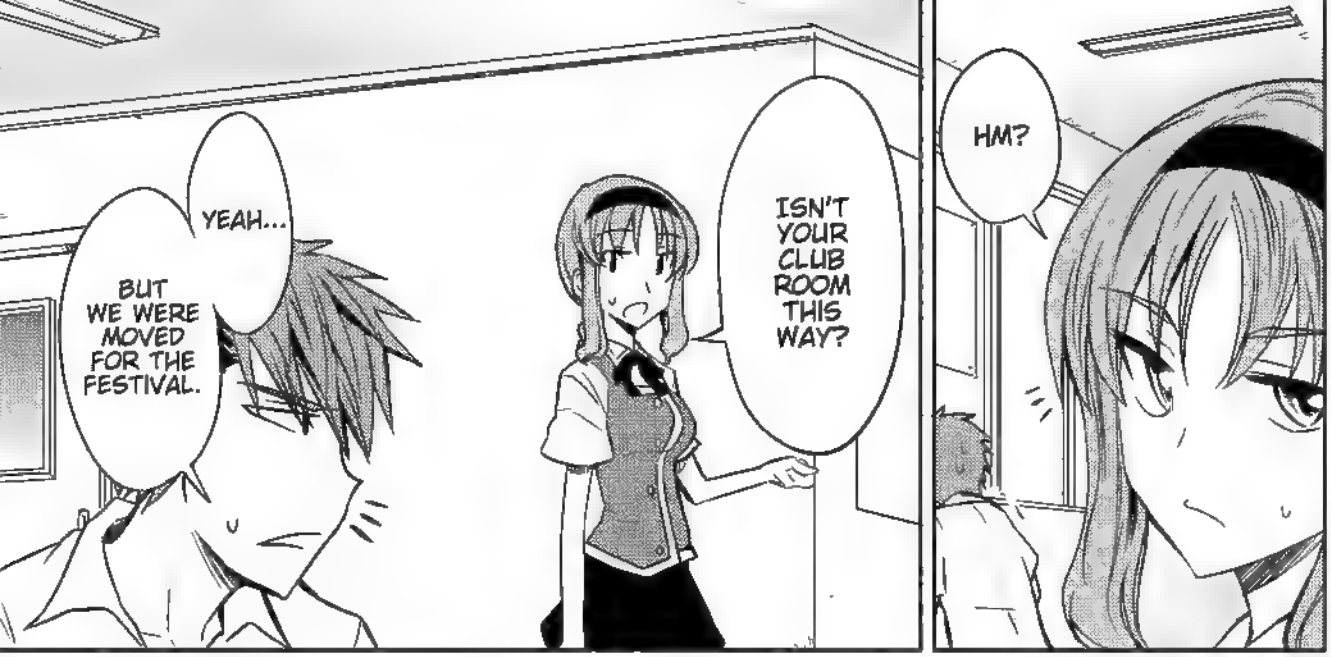
ISN'T YOUR CLUB ROOM THIS WAY?
YEAH... BUT WE WERE MOVED FOR THE FESTIVAL.
HM?

UMM... I'M NOT SEEING YOUR ROOM ANY-WHERE IN THE BUILDING.
Hnn?
YEAH, WE AREN'T INSIDE.
PAMPHLET
FREEDOM FEST
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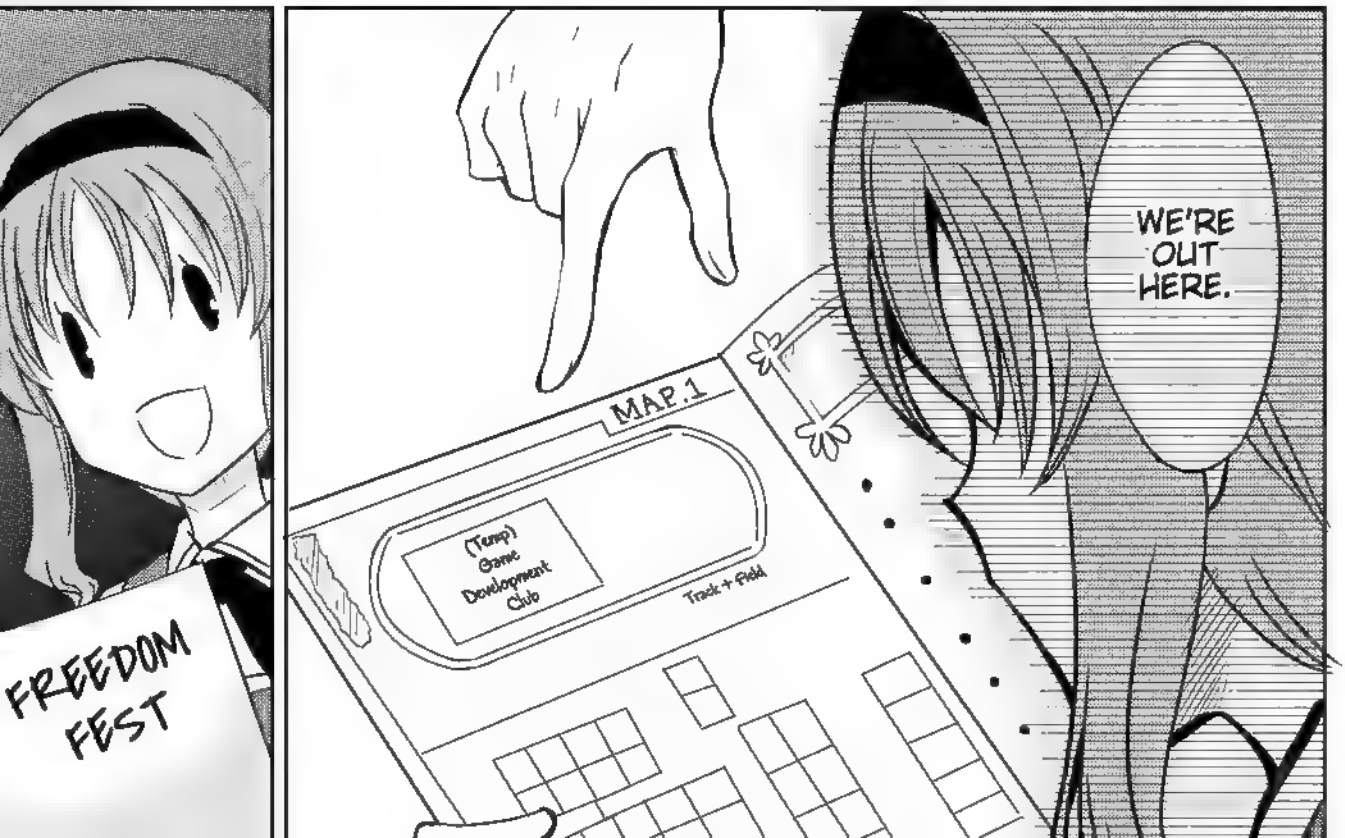

FREEDOM FEST
MAP 1
(Temp) Game Development Club
Track + Field
WE'RE OUT HERE.

DUN DUUUUN
IT'S HUGE!!
CASTLE OF GAMES

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S OUR CLUB'S PRESENTATION.
CASTLE OF
FESTIVAL'S #1 ATTRACTION!
Ha haaahn...
WH-WHAT THE HECK IS THIS PLACE?!

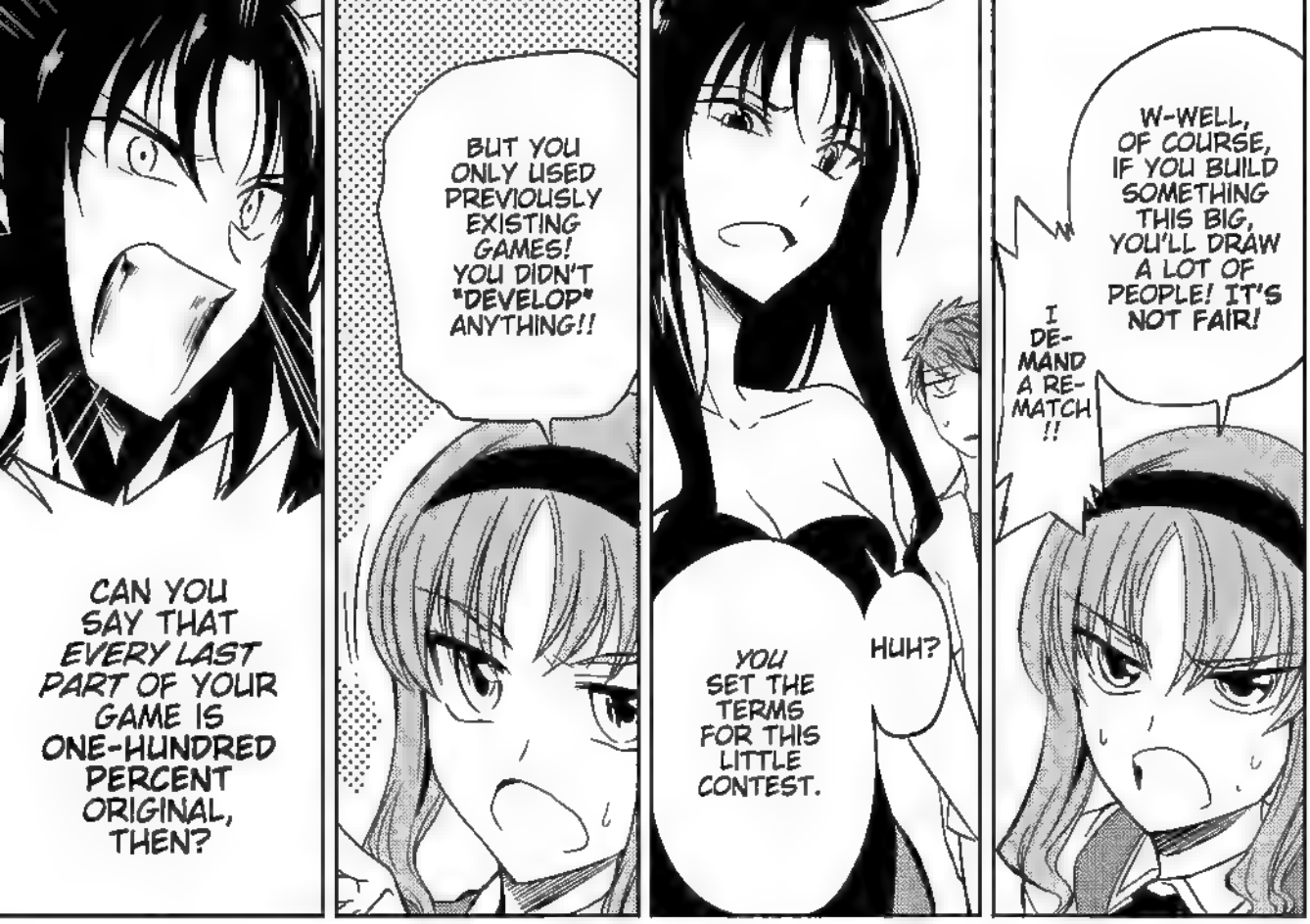
LIKE THEY SAY, EVEN DUST CAN BECOME A MOUNTAIN IF YOU PILE IT HIGH ENOUGH.
WE CRAMMED IN EVERYTHING WE COULD GET OUR HANDS ON.
INSIDE IS, WELL... IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF REGULAR GAMES.

POWER ?!
IN A WORD... POWER.
H-HOW COULD YOU BUILD SOMETHING LIKE THIS SO QUICKLY?!

SURE IT IS.
THAT'S NOT FAIR!!
I can't believe they can still run the festival in that state.
STAGGER
YEAH. WE DRAGGED IN THE WHOLE STUDENT COUNCIL AND HAD THEM WORK THROUGH THE NIGHT.

HUH?
THAT OUTFIT? NO. TAKE A LOOK AT HER FEET.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MAKING USE OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS' UNIQUE TALENTS?
AND THAT OUTFIT IS EVEN MORE UNFAIR!!
UGH! YOU'RE SIMPLY AWFUL, MADAM PRESIDENT! D-DON'T STOP...!
AAH! MR. VICE PRESI-DENT!
WAIT...
HAAH
HAAH
CO-ORDINATED MOST OF THE EFFORT.

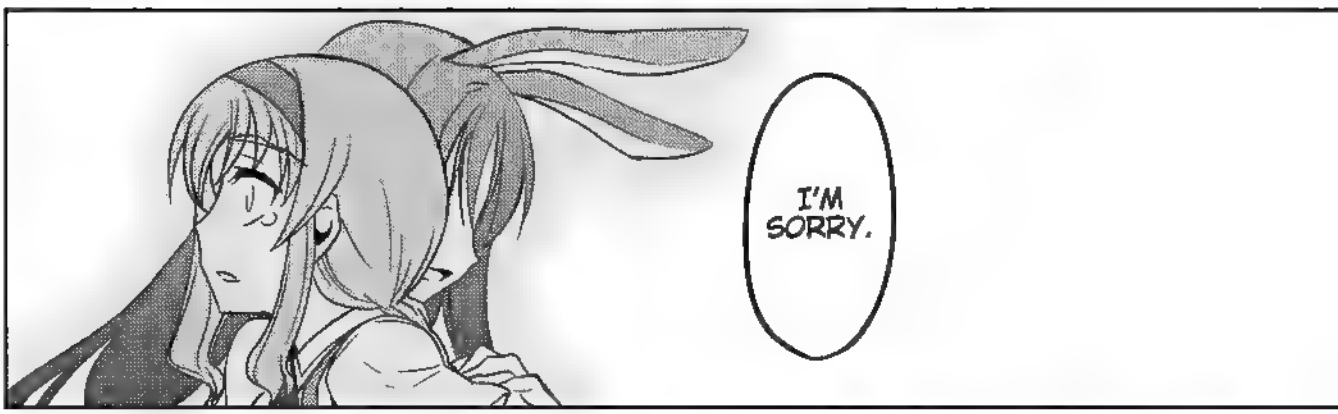
SO...
IT LOOKS LIKE MY CLUB HAS THIS LOCKED DOWN.
THAT'S SOMETHING I NEVER NEEDED TO SEE.
I never knew he was like that
Come here


W-WELL, OF COURSE, IF YOU BUILD SOMETHING THIS BIG, YOU'LL DRAW A LOT OF PEOPLE! IT'S NOT FAIR!
I DE-MAND A RE-MATCH !!
HUH?
YOU SET THE TERMS FOR THIS LITTLE CONTEST.
BUT YOU ONLY USED PREVIOUSLY EXISTING GAMES! YOU DIDN'T "DEVELOP" ANYTHING!!
CAN YOU SAY THAT EVERY LAST PART OF YOUR GAME IS ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT ORIGINAL, THEN?

N-NO... BUT...!
ZOOM
"BUT" WHAT?!

BUT--!!
CLUTCH
CLUTCH
WHAT?! SPIT IT OUT!!
What are they doing?!
I... I...
SNIFFLE

WAAAAAAH!!


I'M SORRY.

SO *PLEASE* DON'T TAKE AWAY THE PLACE WHERE SHE BELONGS. PLEASE.

BACK THEN, I LET MY TEMPER GET THE BETTER OF ME. I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY ACTIONS.
I'M THE ONE TO BLAME.

SHE ACTU-ALLY...
SHE DOESN'T HATE YOU, YOU KNOW.

HELP!! SOMEBODY SAVE ME FROM THIS CRAZY BUNNY-GIRL!!
WAH!
HEY! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
WOOSH
DUCK
DWAH!!
GRAAAAH!!
DWAH!!
WOOSH
WHERE IS ROKA?
ANY-WAY...
WHAT? SHE IS HERE, RIGHT?
YEAH...
OH, RIGHT...
CASTLE OF GAMES ENTER FOR FREE

UMM... WHAT'S THAT?
I HAVE NO IDEA.
YOU DON'T KNOW?!
NOPE! AND I DON'T WANNA!!
HEROES VS. OVERLORDS
Unleash the True Evil or True Justice that hides within your heart!
SHE'S IN THERE.

WHAT?! YOU'RE THE FATHER...
WHO WAS SEPAR-ATED FROM ME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO?!

MWAH HA HA HA!! SINCE YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE, LET ME TELL YOU!!
SON... I AM YOUR FATHER!!

CUT!
HEY! YOU DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT?!
YEAH! NO PRO-BLEM!!
KLANG
KLANG
HA HA HA!! CAN YOU RAISE YOUR BLADE AGAINST YOUR TRUE FATHER, SON?
CAN YOU?!

I ESPECIALLY LIKED THE FATHER/SON DYNAMIC YOU IMPROVISED.
Thank you, ma'am!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
A game?
THAT SCENE WAS VERY WELL ACTED!
FOUR PEOPLE ACTUALLY CAME TO THIS?
GOOD WORK ...
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS! I'VE HAD FOUR CUSTOMERS SO FAR TODAY. FOUR!
ニヤ ニヤ
AH.
ROKA.
.....

What's with the mustache?
YES...!
UM, DO YOU REALLY FIND THIS...
FUN?
OH.
YOU DO...
.....

I GUESS WE LOST THIS TIME!
AH WELL.

BESIDES, EVEN IF WE DID ABSORB THE LOT OF YOU INTO OUR CLUB...
I'M NOT SURE I COULD HANDLE ALL OF YOU AT ONCE.
Aah, the sweet drama of high school!
Ow!
NUDGE
NUDGE
HM...
TAKAO-SAN?
SINCE I AM THE CAPTAIN OF THIS CLUB, I CAN'T BE A PART OF YOURS...
BUT... I WOULD REALLY LIKE IT IF WE COULD ALL GET ALONG.
SO...

IF YOU'D LIKE...
YOU COULD ALWAYS JOIN OUR CLUB!
Ruined it...!
SHE RUINED IT!!
WAK
AS IF I'D EVER JOIN YOU POSERS!!

UGH!
AFTER ALL THE WORK WE DID TO SET THAT UP FOR YOU, YOU SCREWED IT UP!
STILL, AT LEAST WE'VE MANAGED TO SETTLE THINGS WITH THEM FOR NOW...
AH. THEY'VE STARTED FOLK DANCING AROUND THE FIRE...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO DANCE?
WHY WOULD I WANNA DO SOMETHING THAT LAME?
KAZA-MA-SAN...
WHAT?
This tent is really in the way-

I'M GLAD YOU JOINED OUR CLUB.
THANK YOU.

HEH. I'D TAKE YOU SERIOU-SLY...

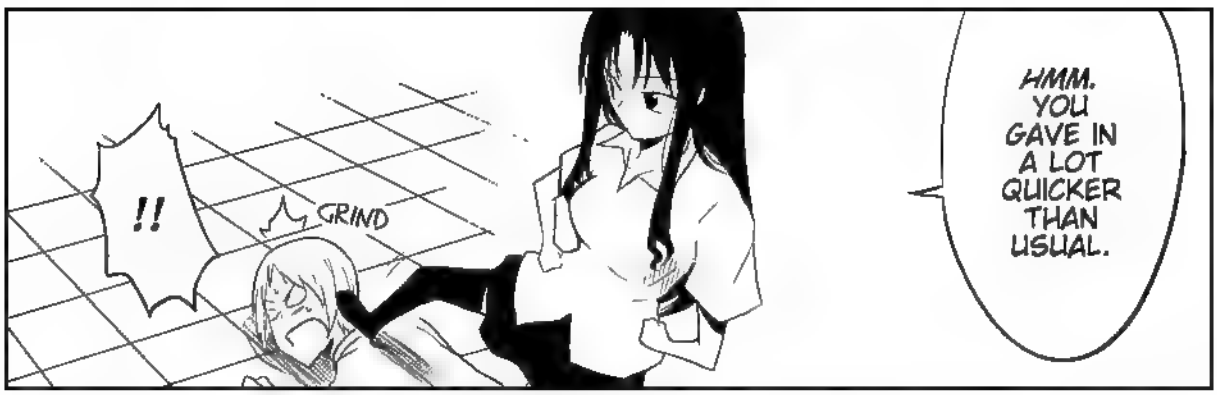
DO YOU REALLY LIKE IT THAT MUCH?
NOT REALLY.
IF YOU SAY SO...
JEEZ!
IF YOU WEREN'T WEARING THAT STUPID DISGUISE!

NEXT: Vol.02...

Bonus Manga: The Heroic Adventures of Masochistic Hero Ataru!!

N-NO...! I WILL NEVER GIVE IN!
YOU ALWAYS DEMAND I DO THE IMP-OSSIBLE, AND I'M SICK OF IT!!
ENOUGH EXCUSES. GO GET IT APPROVED.
GRIND
GRIND
AAAAAAH!!
YOU WANT TO USE THE ENTIRE SCHOOL GROUNDS?! THAT'S IMPOSS-IBLE!!
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD MAKE THAT HAPPEN!
SO IT'S TRUE...
YOU'RE FINALLY TAKING AN INTEREST IN SCHOOL EVENTS!
KENJI, IS THAT TRUE?!
HUH? WELL, UH, YEAH, I GUESS...
IT'S NOT ME. THIS TIME, HE'S THE ONE WHO'S TELLING YOU TO DO IT.
Take that!
WHAT?

WELL IN THAT CASE, I GUESS I MUST. FOR THE SAKE OF MY BEST FRIEND, I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN!
A-ATARU...!


HMM. YOU GAVE IN A LOT QUICKER THAN USUAL.
GRIND
!!

NO!! I TAKE IT BACK! I WILL NOT BREAK THAT EASILY!!
A-ATARU ?!

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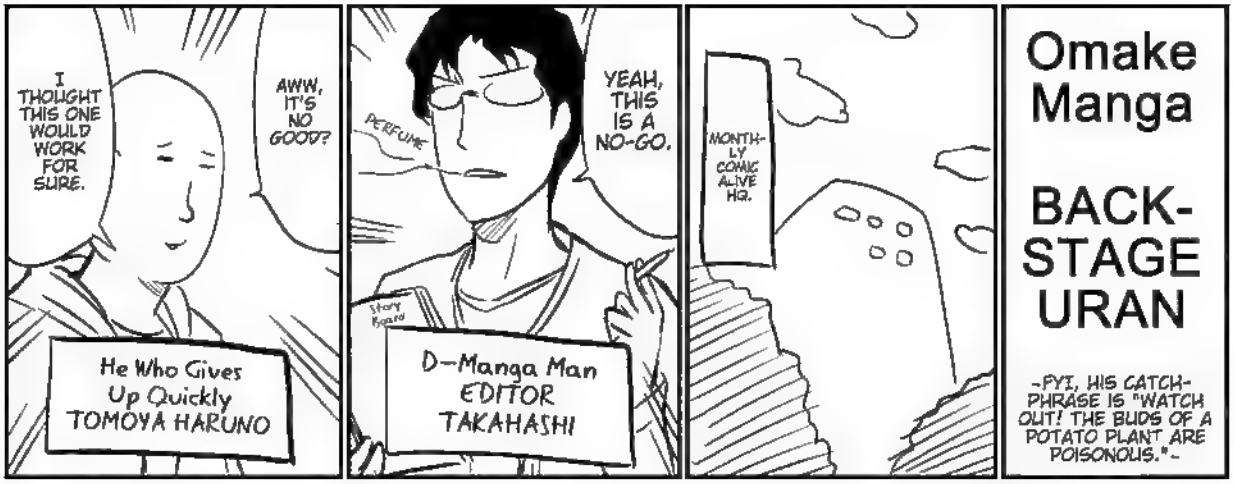
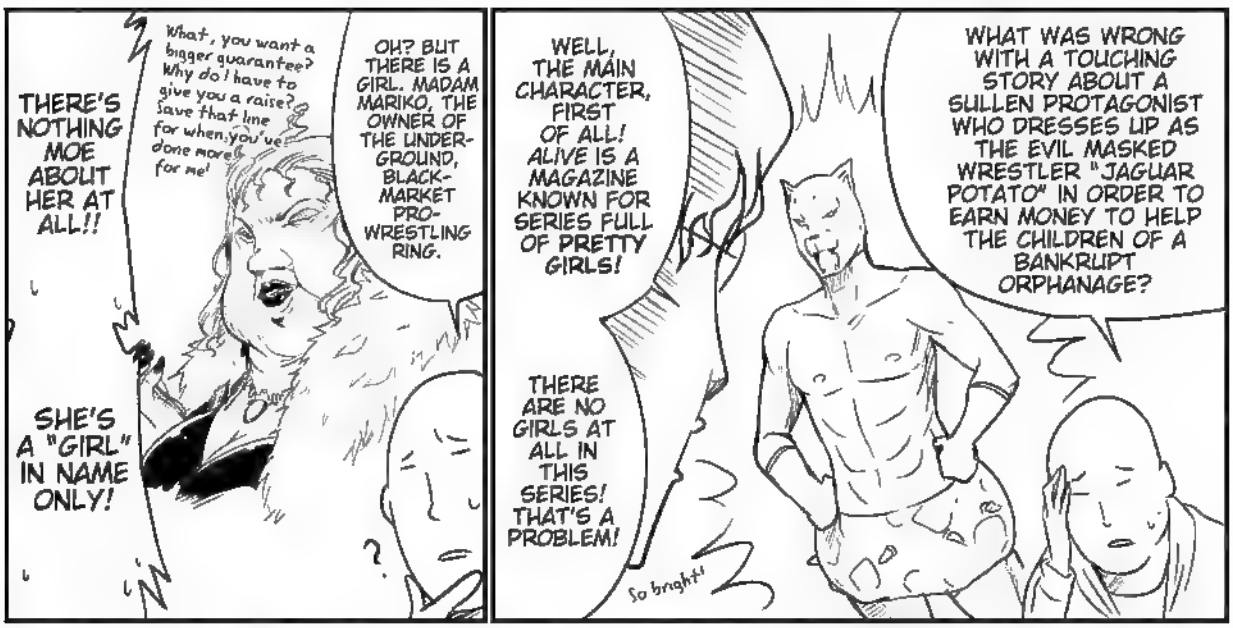
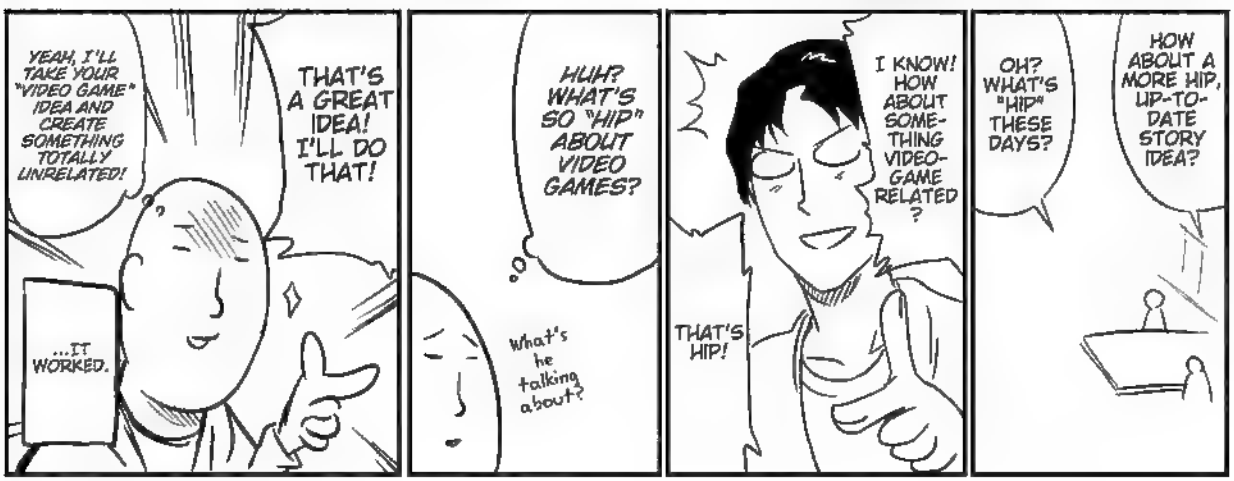

I THOUGHT THIS ONE WOULD WORK FOR SURE.
AWW, IT'S NO GOOD?
He Who Gives Up Quickly TOMOYA HARUNO
PERFUME
YEAH, THIS IS A NO-GO.
Story Board
D-Manga Man EDITOR TAKAHASHI
MONTHLY COMIC ALIVE HQ.
Omake Manga
BACK-STAGE URAN
~FYI, HIS CATCH-PHRASE IS "WATCH OUT! THE BUDS OF A POTATO PLANT ARE POISONOUS."~


THERE'S NOTHING MOE ABOUT HER AT ALL!!
What, you want a bigger guarantee? Why do I have to give you a raise? Save that line for when you've done more for me!
OH? BUT THERE IS A GIRL. MADAM MARIKO, THE OWNER OF THE UNDER-GROUND, BLACK-MARKET PRO-WRESTLING RING.
SHE'S A "GIRL" IN NAME ONLY!
WELL, THE MAIN CHARACTER, FIRST OF ALL! ALIVE IS A MAGAZINE KNOWN FOR SERIES FULL OF PRETTY GIRLS!
THERE ARE NO GIRLS AT ALL IN THIS SERIES! THAT'S A PROBLEM!
So bright!
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH A TOUCHING STORY ABOUT A SULLEN PROTAGONIST WHO DRESSES UP AS THE EVIL MASKED WRESTLER "JAGUAR POTATO" IN ORDER TO EARN MONEY TO HELP THE CHILDREN OF A BANKRUPT ORPHANAGE?


YEAH, I'LL TAKE YOUR "VIDEO GAME" IDEA AND CREATE SOMETHING TOTALLY UNRELATED!
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! I'LL DO THAT!
...IT WORKED.
HUH? WHAT'S SO "HIP" ABOUT VIDEO GAMES?
What's he talking about?
I KNOW! HOW ABOUT SOMETHING VIDEO-GAME RELATED?
THAT'S HIP!
OH? WHAT'S "HIP" THESE DAYS?
HOW ABOUT A MORE HIP, UP-TO-DATE STORY IDEA?

SPECIAL THANKS

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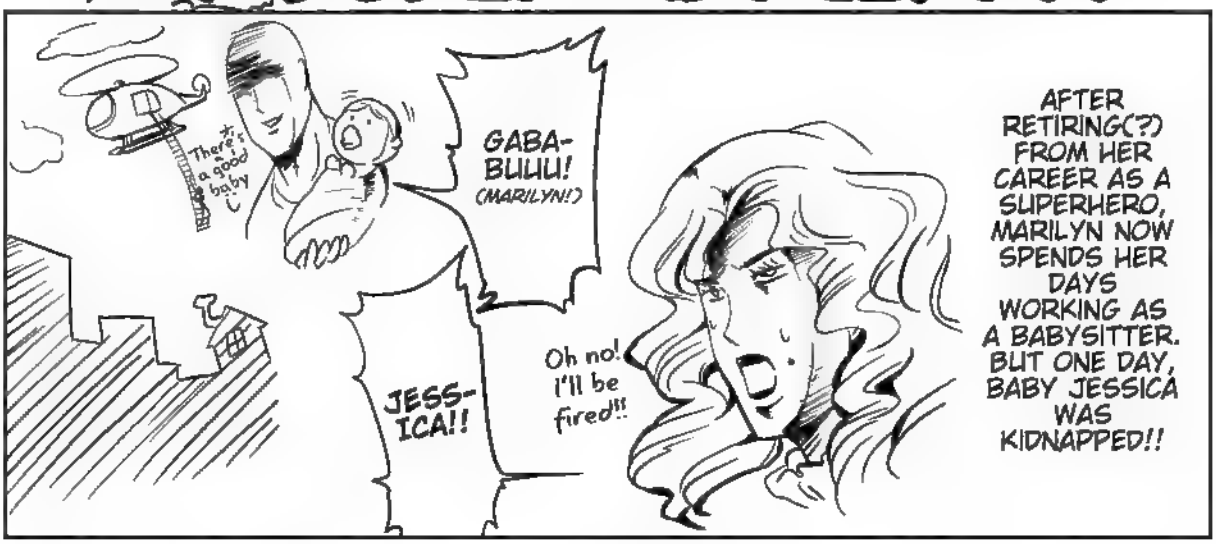
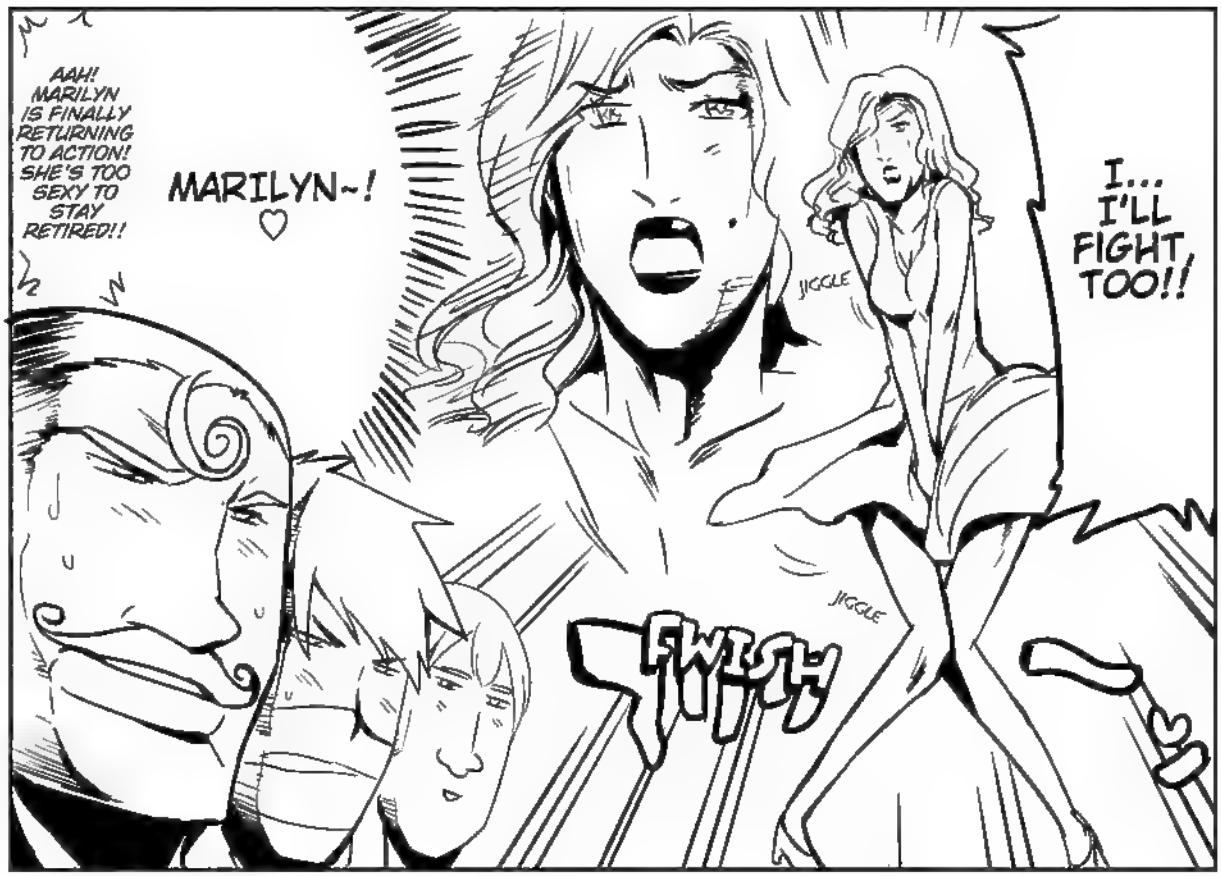
AND EVERYONE ELSE, THANK YOU!!

Special Drama: OH! SUPER MARILYN!!


There's a good baby :)
GABA-BULU! (MARILYN!)
JESS-ICA!!
Oh no! I'll be fired!!
AFTER RETIRING(?) FROM HER CAREER AS A SUPERHERO, MARILYN NOW SPENDS HER DAYS WORKING AS A BABYSITTER. BUT ONE DAY, BABY JESSICA WAS KIDNAPPED!!

NO, NO! I CAN'T SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING ...
PLEASE SIT BACK AND RELAX, MARILYN-SAN! WE'VE GOT THIS!
AGAINST THE THREE OF US, NO BAD GUY STANDS A CHANCE!



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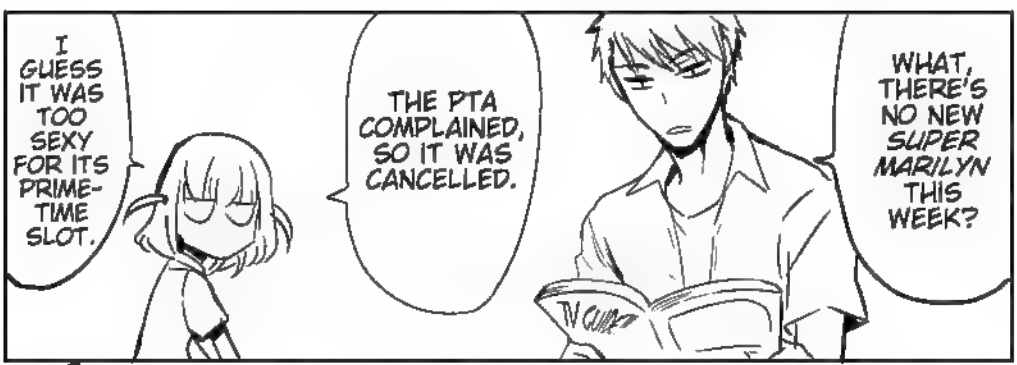
I GUESS IT WAS TOO SEXY FOR ITS PRIME-TIME SLOT.
THE PTA COMPLAINED, SO IT WAS CANCELLED.
WHAT, THERE'S NO NEW SUPER MARILYN THIS WEEK?
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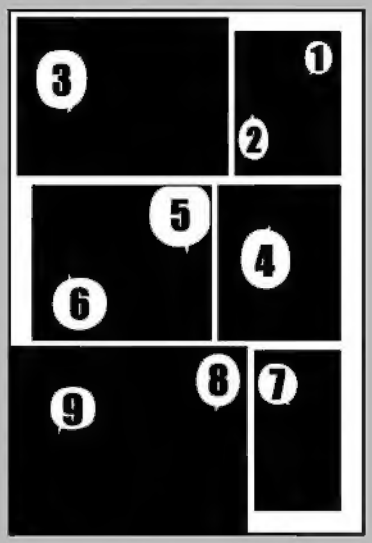

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Kazama Kenji thinks he's a delinquent. He's got the look, the style and the 'tude to match—he even has a second-rate entourage. Deep down, however, Kazama is a good-hearted kid who finds himself and his loyal gang in over their heads when they stumble upon the Game Development Club. The club's formidable members are four girls who he might actually be attracted to if they weren't so freakin' weird. The girls claim to have otherworldly powers which they use to defeat Kazama's gang and force him to join their offbeat club. Can Kazama resist the girls' bizarre charms and return to some semblance of a normal, everyday life...or is it "game over" for our hapless hero?

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